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On Our Cover:



The Starfish Family
By John Hollan
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Opening Remarks

How Did We Do It Back in the Day?

My Internet was out at the house over the weekend and still is. I prefer to work on *Beachcomber* from home because there's a pool and a fully stocked liquor cabinet. And dogs.

Going four (and counting) days without, I'm surprised and slightly terrified by how much I rely on a strong WiFi connection to do just about anything. God forbid I'd have to put a record on the turntable rather than stream Spotify, or pick up an actual newspaper instead of counting on Alexa to deliver the latest headlines.

And just when I finished compiling my list of movies to watch, I can't get on bloody Netflix.

I don't know how people got things done in the old days. I'm reading a book (okay, an eBook I downloaded for two bucks before my world fell apart) about the history of *National Lampoon* magazine, and to think they actually had to type, re-type and re-type some more... and develop all those nudie photos in a darkroom. And mail art and scripts back and forth, like, in actual envelopes through the United States Post Office.

I suppose the drugs helped a lot.

And GPS, my goodness. I wouldn't even know how to read a map these days, and I took the Land Navigation course in the Army. And passed, leading to a huge investigation at the NCO Academy.

Anyway, it's been a struggle, and I appreciate all your prayers and well wishes. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to drive to the Walmart parking lot and check my email.

- Editor Manson



Beachcomber's fearless music correspondent Nikki Hedrick with Corey Feldman (who appeared on our cover a couple issues back), 99ROCK staffers and assorted angels and hangers-on at Club LA in Destin. Following the photo, Feldman noticed Nikki's then-outdated copy of *Beachcomber* and "said he'd been looking everywhere for them," Nikki reports. "As I handed it to him, I introduced myself as the interviewer, and he thanked me for the article. Then he asked if he could give me a hug and thanked me again."

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This Issue's Contributors

John Hollan (Cover) will sign copies of his Starfish Family book Wednesday, **Aug. 23**, at Seaside's Sundog Books, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. He teaches "Create Your Own Starfish Character Workshops" at his Artists of Gulf Place gallery every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn more at **www.TheStarfishFamily.com**.

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Samantha Lambert (Downtown Fort Walton Beach Farmers Market) has been back in Florida almost a year now, and she loves it. "The weather is beautiful, and I love catching up with old friends again," she says. "And I have really enjoyed writing stories for *Beachcomber*!"

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

The article you published by Leonard Pitts Jr. ("What Is Wrong with Trump?", July 27-Aug. 9 *Beachcomber*) should be (titled) "What's Wrong with *Beachcomber*?" That's the bigger question here.

Yes, I agree things are going slow, but the question should be "Why?" Well, it's so obvious that there really shouldn't be any questions. It's certainly not the lack of work, standing up for the Constitution, or for trying to do what is right! Yes, Trump is not perfect, but you try and step into those shoes and face the insanity he was left to deal with. Who has the right to judge? This is America!

This article is beyond logical; therefore, I have to place a burden of responsibility of stupidity of the editors and staff at *Beachcomber* for even allowing such a (sic) article to be published. For this reason, many of your loyal readers will think twice and even take a stand against supporting your publication.

I don't normally respond to stupidity, but this was worth it!

- Terri Stone

You didn't complain once when we ran all those Obama-bashing articles for the last eight years, Terri.

Worst magazine in America!!!
- Danny Tharpe via Facebook

*Mr. Tharpe:
Your bullying hasn't worked before, and it won't work now. Also, how the hell did you have time to read every magazine in America?*

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Last issue, we identified the two grownups in the Kadan Bart Rockett and Brooklyn photo (Stage, July 27-Aug. 9 *Beachcomber*) as the kid magicians' parents. They are actually *Beachcomber* writer Samantha Lambert and her husband Steve.

Also, Editor Manson referred to filmmaker Christopher Nolan as "overrated" in last issue's Movies section. After seeing Nolan's latest movie, the extraordinary war drama *Dunkirk*, Manson wants the whole world to know he was very, very out of line.



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On July 27, community leaders, dignitaries, American Water Works Association representatives, Destin Water Users (DWU) board members and staff gathered to commemorate the recognition of Destin Water Users' Tower 1 as an American Water Works Association National Landmark.

Erected by DWU in the fall of 1964, the tower has been a welcoming beacon as well as a source of clean water for the entire city. Situated atop one of Destin's highest elevations and near the Destin Harbor, Tower 1 was

one of the first projects undertaken by DWU once it became a member-owned corporation.

The 75,000-gallon potable drinking water storage tank was originally painted orange and white to resemble a beach ball until 1985, when it was repainted with DWU's blue and white logo.

"Still today, the blue and white single pedestal water tower serves as a beacon for local fishermen navigating their way back into the Destin

Harbor," said DWU General Manager **Lockwood Wernet**.

"We are grateful to our founding members who had the forethought to create Destin Water Users, and our board members who continue to hold true to our mission and stand intent on ensuring the longevity of Destin Water Users for another 50 years."

The AWWA American Water Landmarks Award is presented to recognize and preserve a water landmark at least 50 years old that has had a direct

and significant relationship with the water's supply, treatment, distribution or technological development. Eligibility for this prestigious award requires the landmark be a permanent and nonexpendable nature, such as a building, dam, reservoir, tower, etc., and not machinery or a natural water resource.

The sturdy bronze plaque and monument now sit hillside to Tower 1 at the corner of Benning Drive and Azalea Drive.

- Chelsea Blauch

FRESH SEAFOOD?



One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is
“How can we be sure we’re getting fresh seafood?”

That’s an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local.” According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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Who's the Real Animal? The Shark Abuser

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

The group of cackling sadists that dragged a live shark at high speed behind a boat—and then shared the video—might soon be seeing their own police mug shots all over social media.

It would be the least of their problems.

Florida wildlife officials say they've identified the men, but haven't released the names pending further investigation. But lots of people immediately recognized these knuckle-draggers, since they didn't bother to hide their giddy faces.

The boat driver is Michael Wenzel, who has an ugly history of harassing wildlife and posting the images on Instagram. One photo features the Manatee County man and some pals roughing up a white pelican. (Wildlife agents investigated, but didn't charge anyone).

In another published picture, Wenzel is holding what he claims is a dead dog that he intends to use for shark bait.

Still another photo shows him illegally hoisting a tarpon with his fist through its gills, with the mocking caption, **"#FWCsMostWanted."**

FWC is the abbreviation for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the state agency that is poised to change this clown's life. Feel-

ing the heat, last week he closed his Instagram account.

Too late, bubba. You're now being mentioned in the same breath as the Minnesota dentist who shot that colored lion in Africa.

Obviously the craving for attention on social media inspires lots of awful behavior.

For reasons a psychiatrist can best explain, abusing animals seems a favored frolic for those grappling with issues of stunted masculinity.

Earlier this month, a deputy patrolling Little Torch Key pulled over a Hyundai Sonata and found three bloodied Key deer, an endangered species protected by state and federal laws.

Two live does were crammed in the back seat, and an injured buck was inside the trunk. All the animals had been hog-tied with twine. Arrested on the scene were 18-year-old Erik Damas Acosta of Miami Gardens and Tumani Younge, age 23.

The police report said Damas Acosta told Deputy Austin Hopp that he "lured the Key deer close with pieces of bread, grabbed them, bound their feet with ropes and put them in his car." According to the deputy, Damas Acosta said he snatched the three deer because he wanted to take photographs with the animals.

If that's the truth—and not just a convenient story to cover up a poaching

operation—the case is another sick example of brutalizing wildlife for entertainment.

The thirst to shock and share has become a drug for the shallow and soulless. There is no more ghastly example than the Cocoa teenagers who recently took cellphone video of a disabled man drowning, laughed, and did nothing to save him. None of them even called 911.

While social media offers a global stage for dysfunctional excess, it also provides a service by instantly exposing remote acts of horrors, and the defectives who brag about them.

The shark-torturing episode received widespread attention because Wenzel evidently sent the video and a photo of the shredded corpse to Capt. Mark "The Shark" Quartiano, in the pathetic hope of impressing the well-known and controversial shark fisherman.

But even Quartiano, who has let die thousands of caught sharks, was mortified by the cruelty show in the clip.

He posted it along with the name of the sender, writing, **"FOR ONCE I MAY HAVE TO AGREE WITH @PETA. #WHODOESTHISS---T #sowrong #notcool."**

And thus the shark draggers learned the risk of broadcasting their own cold-blooded stupidity. It backfired big-time.

Even with graphic video a criminal case isn't a lock, but the FWC faces heavy pressure to file charges.

A televised jury trial is the last thing these particular suspects want, so plea bargaining will commence if they get arrested, followed by the standard abject apologies.

They might not go to jail, but there would be hefty fines—and hefty legal bills.

Yet that's hardly the worst of what lays ahead, especially for Wenzel, the guy who posed gloating with the struggling pelican and the shark-bait dog. His name is already available on all the social platforms he loves so much.

Scorn will be raining down not just on him but on his friends, family and employer. Sure, he can try to hide—shut down his Facebook and Twitter accounts, change the name of his boat, pack up and move to a new town—but, dude, it's the friggin' internet.

Once you're a Google item, you're out there for eternity.

And you did want to be famous, right?

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Trumpcare Makes Single-Payer Sound Great Again

By Clarence Page, Tribune Content Agency

Now the Senate has a zombie Trumpcare bill, too.

Back in March, you may recall, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R., Wis.) called off a showdown vote on its effort to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare.

Good riddance, said many Americans. The bill would have cause 23 million people to lose their health care, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, and cut Medicaid spending by more than \$800 billion.

Yet, in a visual display of cluelessness about what this draconian legislation could do to human lives, Ryan and other GOP leaders celebrated how much money the legislation would save. Not completely heartless, of course,

Ryan argued that the bill would provide more "access" to health care. But critics—like me—argued back that "access" to President Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, to name one pricey example, would not do me much good if I can't afford the fees.

Yet, Ryan resurrected the bill like a zombie and House Republicans passed it in May with no Democratic votes. President Trump staged a photo-op celebration in the Rose Garden, even as Senate Republicans declared the zombie to be DOA at their doorstep.

The senators wanted to pass their own version even before the president, in one of his bizarre flip-flops, described the House bill as too "mean."

But, alas, Senate Republicans came up with their own clunker of a bill that the CBO estimated would grow the uninsured by 22 million and cut

Medicaid by \$772 billion. That's not much improvement.

As it became apparent that it would not get enough votes to pass, even among Republicans, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pulled that bill before a vote could be taken. But later returned with a desperation move: repeal and delay—repeal the ACA now, but with a two-year delay in implementation, during which Congress—through some miracle perhaps—could come up with a replacement.

Trump seemed to flip-flop a couple of times between repeal-and-delay and "Let Obamacare die," while he declared, "I'm not going to own it."

But, of course, he does, along with other Republicans who, I remind, control all three branches of government. Perhaps Trump is learning it is not nearly as easy for a president

to pass blame for failures on to the minions below as it is for private sector CEOs.

Meanwhile, the unexpected has happened. Now that Republicans don't have President Obama to kick around, the popularity of Obamacare has risen to new heights. An April Gallup poll, for example, found for the first time that more than half of the Americans surveyed (55 percent) approved of Obamacare.

A June *Wall Street Journal*/NBC News poll found Obamacare to be more popular at 41 percent than the House repeal-and-replace alternative at 16 percent. Only 12 percent liked the Senate version in a *USA Today*/Suffolk University poll.

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My Daughter’s Wedding – Chapter One

By Charles Morgan III

Eight months ago, my daughter and her boyfriend decided to get married.

“And we want to get married in the Bahamas!” Leah said.

“Wow,” I said. “That could be complicated”.

“Oh no,” said Leah. “It’ll be a destination wedding. People have them all the time”.

The wedding is Saturday the 12th. Today is the 8th. Last night I had a dream.

Fontaine, the wedding planner, and his assistant Delwyn met us at our house.

Fontaine was the largest Bahamian I’d ever seen. He was coal black. At least 6’9” and 350 pounds. He was covered in brightly colored, intricately patterned fabrics. They might have been beautiful as individual pieces, but together they had an unsettling effect. I think he wore a sari, a dashiki, and some sort of bhurka. Only his eyes were exposed. Delwyn was short and chubby—and wearing only a swim suit. A bikini.

“De welcome party be at you house. For dat we roast pigs and udder stuff. We have Grouper Nantua—dat much I know. Next night de restaurant handle everything. Next night wedding be over de top. We have much stuff fer dat”, Fontaine said. And then I swear he twirled in a ballet type move with his hands clasped over his head.

“Let go now, Delwyn. We gotta prep pigs for de party”.

My wife and mother had listened to Fontaine’s delivery, never coming close to speaking.

“Mother of God,” whispered Carla. “Do you think he’s some sort of Arab?”

“Well, if he is,” my mother said, “he’s definitely an outlier. I don’t think he’d fit in well with those people.”

The welcoming party was set. The pigs had been cooked in a hole in the ground. They looked like really skinny pigs. Even covered in a heavy tamarind sauce, the pork was gamey.

“Fontaine, those pigs okay?” I asked. “They’re not the kind we’re used to”.

“Oh yes, boss,” he said. “Dey good pigs.”

“You know up the islands where the tourists go see the swimming pigs?” he

asked. “Well, dey’s two less pigs den dere was. Delwyn gone and git ‘em last week.”

“Whoa, Fontaine,” I said. “I don’t think that’s cool.”

“Dis what you people want,” he said. “Dese not just free range pigs, dese free swimmin’ pigs. Dey skin already crispy from swimming in de salt water. Dey organic, too. Dey never get no vaccination or medicine. I seen ‘em eat dey own babies. How ‘bout dat for organic.”

“Lord,” I said. “Our guests seem to sense something. They’re not overly fond of the pork. Also, that Grouper Nantua tastes off. It’s just grouper salad with Parmesan cheese on toast. But it doesn’t taste right.”

“Well now,” Fontaine said. “In order to stay in budget we substituted for de grouper. No one should tell any difference.”

“What did you substitute?” I asked, fearfully.

“Dat dere is barracuda and parrot fish mashed up togedder,” he said. “We chummed ‘em up wid de pig guts. We likes to use all parts of de swimming pigs. Nose to tail. And guts. Heh, heh.

“Number one rule in da Bahamas, Boss,” he continued. “Don’t panic!”

By the end of the party, there were numerous guests spitting out mouthfuls of ice-cold beer.

“What the hell is going on with that?” I asked Delwyn.

“I tell that crazy Fontaine not to use de parrot fish,” he said. “Dem Americans get the ciguatera—where cole things taste hot and hot things taste cole. An den they fingers and toes get numb. An den dey get real nauseous.

“And tell you da truth, Boss...ain’t so sure bout dat pig either. It look funny to me when I capture ‘em. Sickly. Dey cause dat ting dey call trichinosis. You get dat, you wish you had ciguatera. Tingling toes ain’t nuttin compare to dat.”

“You short on baffrooms, Boss,” said Fontaine, rushing up out of breath. “And long on peoples. Dey 200 peoples here, bwoy. Dey’s all squattin’ in the shrubs and bushery.”

“What he short on be water,” Delwyn pitched in. “Dat cistern is bone dry and

de water pump burnt up. Look at dat smoke ober dere.”

“Without no water, dem baffrooms be nasty, man,” said Fontaine. “This one big mess.”

Evacuations began the next morning. Ferries commissioned. Special flights chartered. Hospitals in West Palm Beach notified.

“We having much problem wid de ferry boats” said Fontaine. “We not just evacuating yo people—dey evacuating jus’ ‘bout everybody on de island. Dat storm number 99 dey been watching not a number no more. Now it called ‘Henry’ and it building strong and fast. Could be Cat Number Four herrican by Saturday.”

The government dock in the settlement was teeming with masses of pale, sickly people. Almost all elderly.

“Jesus, Fontaine,” I said. “These people look pitiful, and there’s none of our young guests.”

“Dey no room for the younguns,” he said. “Not enough evacuation boats for everybody. Parliament orders. Only peoples over 60. Younguns handle dis illness bedder den ol’ folks. Dem ol’ folks over dere doesn’t look so good.”

People were huddled in small groups. The ones not actively sick—those who

could hold their heads up and focus—were glaring at me. Friends I had known my whole life looked angry.

“Well, I’m 62. I better pack my bag,” I said.

“No bother, Boss,” Fontaine said. “Not a good idea. De magistrate file charges on you. You under house arrest. You being detained.”

“Well, then somebody get me a lawyer,” I said.

“Don’t work dat way here, Boss,” Fontaine said. “Dey don’t have no habeas corpus, no right to no barrister, no due process, no Miranda ting down here, Boss. Dey probly take you straight to de Fox Hill Prison in Nassau. Oh, lord. Oh, lord.”

I woke. Shivering. Light convulsions. Covered in hard sweat.

It was just a nightmare.

The wedding is going to be a beautiful celebration for Leah and Matt Amitrano. We’re excited and not the least bit nervous. The island of Guana Cay—where Leah spent summers as a child—will be full of friends and family.

Dispatches of the week’s events and the wedding will follow in the next issue of *Beachcomber*.

Clarence Page CONTINUED...

Also rising: Support for a progressive alternative known as “single-payer,” a system like Canada’s in which government provides health coverage to all through a single government-run health insurance system.

A June poll by Pew Research Center found that a 60 percent majority of Americans now say it is the federal government’s responsibility to make sure all Americans have health care coverage. Also, 33 percent of the public now favors such a “single-payer” approach to health insurance, according to Pew. That’s a 5 percentage point rise since January and 12 points since 2014.

Sen. Bernie Sanders’ (I-VT) unsuccessful presidential bid appears to have had great success in reversing the widespread demonization of single-payer health plans. I’m sure the jaw-dropping cruelty of the Grand Old Party’s alternatives has helped too. That’s probably not enough for us to expect single-payer to be enacted any-

time soon, but there are more moderate alternatives, such as the “public option” that Congress removed during the original ACA debate. A public option would offer government-run insurance as an alternative to private sector plans.

Conservatives deplore the idea, saying a government plan could afford to run the private plans out of the market. Yet, I would ask, even if that’s true, why is competition a bad idea only when it offers more choices to low-wage earners?

Politics is supposed to be the art of the possible. Here’s a great opportunity for Americans to figure out what’s possible and benefit from it—before the zombies take over.

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No Room for Free Will

By Chris Leavenworth

People tend to be uncomfortable with the notion that free will is an illusory construct. I've had discussions with people who have gotten legitimately angry in their defense of a concept for which they could not provide substantial evidence. Many people hinge their whole worldview on free will, and to lose it, they fear, would be to pull the rug out from under their lifelong values.

For the religious, denying free will implies that man has no real choice in his own sin, and yet he still must answer to God for his fixed transgressions. For the ones who find comfort in control, denying free will implies that we are all ultimately powerless to our nature and external circumstances. To the dualist, it implies that our identity is completely physical. To the egomaniac, it implies a great deal of humility.

To a Rush fan, it means Geddy Lee's poetic lyrics for one of their best tracks is about an existential fantasy. That was the hump I had to get over.

People hold onto the idea of an inner-arbiter, the type that manifests its own unique set of values and characteristics on carbon-based life forms and calls all the shots. This could accurately be called DNA. Despite the evidence, simplicity and beauty of its implications, for most people, DNA isn't a satisfactory answer.

Every decision a person makes, for better or for worse, begins as a thought.

If we're willing to admit that a thought doesn't arise in a vacuum, and that the outcome of a thought depends, at the very least, on the overall condition of the brain making the thought, and its predispositions based on prior and present experiences, how much room is really left for free will?

One of the most common leaps people make when defending free will is that if it doesn't exist, and all our choices and actions are inescapable, then crime shouldn't be punished and no one can be held accountable for their actions. Even if that was

true—that no one is truly liable for their decisions because they can't possibly be avoided—I don't see how it then proves free will. It would just mean we're going about things awfully wrong.

I don't believe that to be the case, though. If someone breaks the law or hurts somebody else, they should be held accountable. If a person cannot deviate from the bad choices or actions they're determined to make, it's not a reason to assume we all want to live in a world where it's tolerated. Anyone that can appreciate a civilized society should understand the sense in that.

Although it's necessary that crime be punished, it never truly

corrects the wrong to a victim, and rarely does it prevent the offender from committing the crime again. Promoting better circumstances for people to not commit crime in the first place would seem much more favorable than waiting around for crime to happen.

Recognizing that crime, just like everything else, is determined by fixed circumstances that can be altered leads to improved conclusions about how to prevent it. This can be said about most all human behavior and tendencies. Understanding the conditions and factors that influence thoughts can greatly improve a person's potential to make better decisions, form better habits, and live a healthier and happier lifestyle.



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Award-Winning Mary Hong Expands Art Empire to Nashville

This summer, the Southeast is sparkling a little brighter. Award-winning glass artist **Mary Hong** opened her sixth art gallery earlier this month in Nashville.

Hong, who is based on the Emerald Coast, owns and operates the original Mary Hong Gallery located in the Shops of Grayton in Grayton Beach, and recently has expanded the Shard Shop, her make-your-own-art boutique, from the original Grayton Beach location to the Paradise Isle Shopping Center in Destin and on famed Magazine Street in New Orleans.

Mary Hong Gallery is a contemporary art gallery whose mission is to bring exposure to artists from Florida's Gulf Coast region to Nashville's vibrant art scene while giving Nashville artists another venue to exhibit their work. The gallery features Hong's award-winning glass art paintings made with her trademarked ShardWorx™ process—artwork made with glass and resin on canvas.

Her newest signature gallery is in the heart of the city, located on the ground floor of the Bank of America building (corner of 4th Avenue North and Union Street) near the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in downtown Nashville.

"My dream to bring the vibrant arts scene of the Emerald Coast to Nashville is finally coming together!" Hong says.

"I am so honored and humbled to be able to join the soulful and ever expanding arts scene in Nashville by opening a Mary Hong Gallery."

Hours for the Nashville location are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This latest opening is a further step forward toward realizing Hong's long-term vision to expand both her artwork and name brand nationwide.

"I want to share my passion for glass art making with the world," she says.

A professional artist for 23 years, Hong considers herself "a glass artist who paints" and has participated in group and solo exhibitions in the U.S. and France. She opened the flagship Mary Hong Gallery in Grayton Beach in 2012 and added the first hands-on art-making studio, the Shard Shop, in 2015.

Hong is the proud recipient of the 2014 Artist of the Year award from the South Walton Tourist Development Council. Locally, a collection of her work can be seen throughout the Salamander Spa at the Henderson, the new luxury resort hotel in Destin.

Hong recently was selected as a special category winner of the [PLATFORM] Artist of the Year 2016. The prestigious international art



competition produced by Redwood Media Group and sponsored by Art Brand Studios selected Mary Hong at the first-place winner for Mixed Media. As a special category winner, Hong was invited to exhibit her artwork on at Spectrum Miami during Miami Art Week. Last winter she participated in a Group Exhibit at Bev's Fine Art in Raleigh, North Carolina, and this past spring she exhibited in San Diego and at Art Expo New York at Pier 94 in New York City.

Hong recently showcased her work at Art Santa Fe in New Mexico as part of Redwood Media Group's International Art Festivals.

Twice a month, she creates preordered artwork for customers in real time during ShardWorx™ Live, which

is streamed on Facebook. Visit **MaryHongStudio.com** and follow Mary Hong Studio on Facebook for dates and times.

Hong is passionate about glass and the artful magic of glass painting. "To me, even if glass is broken, it is still beautiful and I love how a painting can put it all back together," she says. "I slather glass with gold and silver leaf, then mix it with other shattered remains of lamps, dinnerware and, lately, an old shower door. I like imagining the stories glass could tell."

Hong's work is available for viewing and purchase at Mary Hong Studio Gallery in Grayton Beach and online. For more information on the Shard Shop, call 850-842-4440.

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Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. rosalynogrady.com.

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$10 (\$7 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Thursdays. "A Journey in Watercolor Painting" with Carol Dickson, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Open to students at all levels. Bring your own supplies. Cost is \$130 (\$110 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

Aug. 26. Foreshortening Figure Drawing with Heather Clements, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn how to measure and compare to create a convincing foreshortened figure. Cost is \$45 (\$40 for ADSO members) including live model fee (tips encouraged). Bring your own supplies. Registration deadline is Wednesday, **Aug. 23**.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit emeraldcoastartgallery.com for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit fullcirclefwb.com for more info.

Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-499-2354 to register.

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THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 a.m. All ages classes at 11 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH AUG. 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY EXHIBIT AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

This month, the spotlight falls on **Anne Johnston**, who is currently "Making Waves" with her acrylic series.

THROUGH AUG. 31. KAY RICHOUX EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
Richoux takes over the SoWal library all summer long.

THROUGH SEPT. 1. ADSO'S "FIRST IMPRESSIONS" AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH



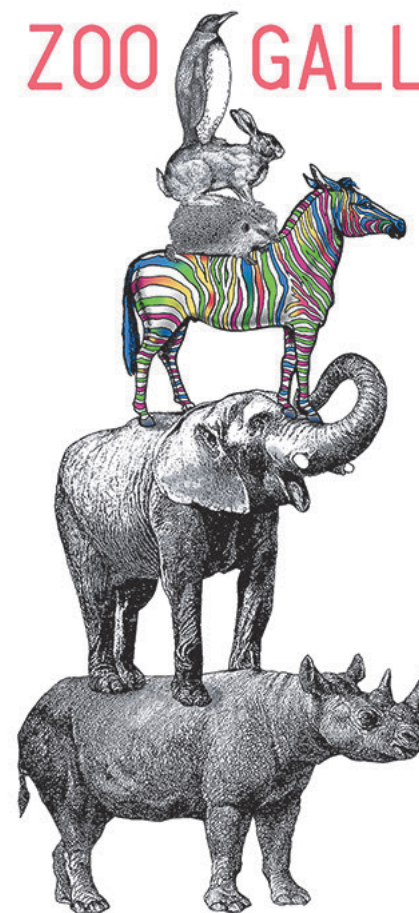
Work depicting artists' interpretations of Impressionist painters. For more info, call 850-244-1271 or visit www.artsdesignsociety.org.

AUG. 17. SHOOTING CLUB MEETING AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Formerly known as the ADSO Photography Club, the Shooting Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their "Shooting the Moon" photos. For more info, email Jim at glory.days@att.net.

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Making an Impression



Risa Farnsworth took top honors in the Arts and Design Society's "First Impressions" show with her acrylic painting "Borage." "We're particularly thrilled that Risa won first place," says ADSO's Tyny Jennings. "She's a young woman that really work at her art and has developed considerably over the last couple of years. Besides which, she's a great, fun person."

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ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

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MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. **MaryHong-Studio.com**.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

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ADSO once again teams up with the Northwest Florida Fair for the annual Fine Arts Show For Adults and Students. Open to all artists. Turn-in dates are Friday, **Sept. 22**, noon-5 p.m., and Saturday, **Sept. 23**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee for adults is \$30 for up to five pieces. Entry fee for high school and middle school students is \$2 per piece for up to five pieces. A copy of the entry form with details is available at www.artsdesignsociety.org. Call 850-582-1329 for more info.

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) Adult Collaborative Art Exhibit, part of the 22nd Annual Festival of the Arts to be held **Oct. 28 and 29** in Destin, invites artists to participate and compete for prizes. Open to the first 25 eligible participants. Entry fee is \$30 per person for up to three pieces of art. Application deadline is Friday, **Sept. 8**. For applications, contact Deb at deb@mattiekellyartsfoundation.org or call 850-650-2226.

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Cajun Groove Infectious... Fais Do-Do

By Nikki Hedrick

Fred Domulot keeps the spirit of Fat Tuesday alive all summer long with the help of his band **Fais Do-Do** and Destin's HarborWalk Village. Pronounced *FEY-DOH-DOH*, the phrase is synonymous with Cajun dance parties and the authentic Zydeco spirit Domulot embraces.

Six years ago, Domulot started the Village Brass Band and saw an opportunity to expand to the feel good music of the bayou. "When I lived in South Florida, I played in a lot of Cajun-Zydeco bands," says Domulot. "It was a cool thing to be a part of with the crawfish festivals down there.

"We decided to put one together (in Destin). We were doing different projects, and this one seemed like a natural fit—Chris Nida, Teddy Lehmann, Doug Dickerson and Sean Dietrich, that's the original Fais Do-Do band."

The band took shape in January 2017, playing their first full-fledged gig as part of Seaside's Mardi Gras celebration a month later. "That's where it took off," says Domulot.

Although Domulot and his band members all play in other projects in

the area, they love honoring the heart of Zydeco.

"When the HarborWalk season started up, I couldn't be in two places at once with the brass band," he says. "That's when we got D.J. (Rhodes), a former student of mine at Florida State (to drum)."

Fais Do-Do often has guest players, but Domulot calls the lineup a no-brainer after Nida, Lehmann, and Dickerson joined. The trio can be seen in bands throughout the region, but are perhaps best known as Something Fishy. The Fais Do-Do lineup also officially includes fiddle player Patti Easton.

Dietrich is often seen on stage with an accordion or melodica, while Lehmann plays a washboard that truly brings Cajun traditions to life.

"Good music, when you hear it, you can't stay still," says Domulot. "It will get you dancing like *that*. I've seen people at HarborWalk, and they look like they've been there all day, tired and hot, and when the band starts—they are smiling. It's groove infectious."

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Live Music Review

Grayson Capps & the Lost Cause Minstrels

Imogene Theatre, Milton



Walking into the historic brick building, greeted by the smell of fresh popcorn, I noticed the seats closest to the stage had been quickly claimed by eager fans.

Grayson Capps might not officially belong to the Emerald Coast, but it is fair to say that we treat him as if he was one of our own. I've seen him perform everywhere from the family friendly Hub 30A and wild nights of dancing at both former Funky Blues Shack locations, to acoustic at Central Square Records and a packed room during the 30A Songwriter Festival.

Every Capps show has its own personality. It's part of what makes him an enigmatic performer—whether he is unplugged or loud enough to make your ears ring, he pulls you into the songs. He often gives quick explanations of a song's origins or shares how the real world person that inspired the song is doing.

Something about Capps' act feels more akin to traditions of storytelling through poetry and art during the Middle Ages than current music sensibilities. Considering Capps' band is dubbed the Lost

Cause Minstrels, it may well be intended.

Longtime Capps collaborator Corky Hughes (guitar), drummer John Milham, and new member Rufus Ducote on bass make up the current Minstrels lineup. The band has a symbolic relationship where they almost seem capable of reading each other's minds and anticipating unplanned moments. Over the nearly two-and-a-half-hour performance, rarely did the room drift to total silence as each song sort of floated into the next.

Capps pours himself into every song and isn't one to shy away from what he sees wrong in the world. I'm sure it caused a few to squirm in their seats, but Capps would flash a smile and dive hair first into the next song before anyone had too much of a chance to react.

With a few brave dancers by the front of the stage, it was a night of magic—a night to remind us all that the love of music (and the love of what we want to do in this world) matters.

The best news of the night? Capps is working on a new album. That's cause to celebrate.

- Nikki Hedrick

Music

Beachcomber Profiles* — Diki Ross



HOMETOWN: Northampton, UK

PROFESSION: Singer-keyboard player-entertainer...order to be determined.

AGE: Taught Methuselah in high school.

HOBBIES: Who needs a hobby when you play music for a living?

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Managed finally to put pants on without falling over. Watched Fox News without hurting (did have the sound off, though). Made dinner without setting house on fire for once. Read *Beachcomber* from cover to cover—so many words!

PROFILE: Keyboardist (and prior trombonist), singer, session player, arranger and *bon vivant*. After a classical music education, decided rock was more fun and have been playing professionally for 50 years (time flies!). I've been in the Fort Walton Beach/Destin area since the early '80s and watched it grow, and grow, and grow, and... you'd think they'd build a few more roads!

After playing with bands through the 20th century, I've been concentrating on mostly solo work for the last 10 years or so.

QUOTE: "Don't worry, it will miss us by miles." – The Dinosaurs

FAVORITE FREE PUBLICATION: *Beachcomber*!

Diki Ross' gig schedule appears in this issue's Live Music section, and he sits in with numerous bands in the area, whether they want him to or not.

* Inspired by the late, great Creem magazine.



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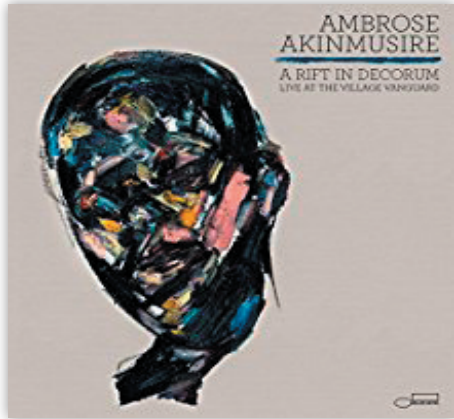
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Ambrose Akinmusire *A Rift in Decorum: Live at the Village Vanguard* Blue Note



Trumpet wonder Akinmusire brought longtime colleagues Sam Harris (piano), Harish Raghavan (bass) and Justin Brown (drums) with him to execute this lengthy live recording at one of jazz's legendary venues. Akinmusire's music has always been a bit like that of Dave Douglas for me—a slowly acquired taste that isn't always palatable. His two previous albums didn't exactly thrill me, but this one connects. It might be that it's more gut level, less overthought and more spontaneous than previous works. Or I just might prefer small combos when it comes to trumpeters. It worked for Miles Davis.

- Bruce Collier

Arcade Fire *Everything Now* Sony



Arcade Fire's fifth LP shows a new, more cynical and satirical side of a band that has always largely made music about unbridled emotions and finding joy in joyless places. There is an omnipresent paranoia about technology, capitalism, fame, and the idea of being infinitely stuck. While the concerns are relatable in these strange times, Arcade Fire is no longer a source of catharsis. The album is dynamic in its glitchy disco sound and has some truly beautiful moments in standout songs including the title track, "Electric Blue," and "We Don't Deserve Love." Ultimately,

Everything Now is a complicated album about a complicated time.

- Jane Morgan

Buzzcutt *Broken* Independent



Loud guitars, anthemic choruses, and that big sound that made '80s rock irresistible help Buzzcutt firmly leave their mark on Pensacola's rock scene. For those who miss that time when everyone's hair was big, MTV was king, and rock music was fun and loud, Buzzcutt proves to be a cut above the rest.

- Nikki Hedrick

Matt Cappy *Church and State* Ropeadope Records



This is my first Cappy album, and apparently his too, as a leader. The trumpeter has sat in as sideman with an impressive range of artists of all genres. *Church and State* is likely to earn him some new fans on his own. The 10 tracks see him gliding and dipping into a variety of styles—Latin, gospel, hip-hop, opera (Puccini, no less)—with a clean, bold and powerfully sustained tone that fairly proclaims every note. I hope he follows Wynton Marsalis' example and records an all-classical album—Haydn, Hummel, all those dead white Europeans.

- Bruce Collier

Lana Del Rey *Lust for Life* Interscope

Del Rey's fifth album is her most



expansive and vulnerable work to date. There is a refreshing sincerity and openness present in these songs that felt overpowered by Del Rey's persona in her previous work. *Lust For Life* is tinged with her signature nostalgic, spacious sound that feels like the slowest summer day. Through its American imagery—a constant in Del Rey's work—and gloomy darkness, she is making music for her fans in an uncertain era. And yet there is a subtle hopefulness in her moments of tranquility and quiet optimism that makes a specific type of sadness and worry feel heard and comforted.

- Jane Morgan

Cynthia McDermott *Notes from the Underground* Independent



With a silky smooth voice and a mandolin, McDermott exudes a certain glow with her music. A glorious combination of early female jazz vocals and modern soul, *Notes From The Underground* is a powerful example of how much variety and heart can be expressed through minimal acoustic instrumentation and a voice as unique as spotting a unicorn sunbathing on the beach.

- Nikki Hedrick

Nine Inch Nails *Add Violence*

The Null Corporation

When you're a longtime fan of a band, loyalty sometimes gets in the way of objectivity, especially when said band has been steadily performing for decades. Even if the music is, in



reality, mediocre, they'll at least get a loyalty-induced listen-to and a polite clap. But NIN's latest EP is worth real applause, maybe even a few whoops and some foot stomping. At least a few tracks—particularly "Not Anymore"—have a sound reminiscent of Reznor's early days sans Atticus Ross. Others stay true to his post-millennium work—*Hesitation Marks*, *Ghosts*, and those unforgettable movie soundtracks. The second in a trilogy, *Add Violence* incites anticipation of the third, which promises to be soon-to-come.

- Joni Williams

Jeroen van Veen *Nietzsche: Piano Music* Brilliant Classics



I had no idea Friedrich Nietzsche was a composer. He was, and apparently kept his hand in even after philosophy and writing became his main occupations. Dutch composer and pianist Jeroen van Veen is well known for his extensive interpretations of, among others, Satie, which made him a natural for a collection of Nietzsche's works. The 19 tracks here, technically classified as "miniatures," nevertheless don't venture into the realm of Modern music that Satie pioneered. The works bear titles like "fragments" and "hymnus" (not sure if the latter were composed *before* Nietzsche pronounced God dead), and sound romantic, even melodramatic.

- Bruce Collier

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Live Music

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THURSDAY, AUG. 10

AJ’S, Grayton Beach THE MEMPHIS STRANGE, 9 p.m.
AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.
AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island BT TURNER, 6 p.m.
AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.
BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.
CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.
THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach AL ALVARADO, 6 p.m.
GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach GYPSY ELISE & THE ROYAL BLUES, 9 p.m.
GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.
HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com THE VILLAGE BELLES, 7:30 p.m. <i>Red, White & Blue Celebration</i>
HOG’S BREATH, Destin BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.
LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m. <i>Ladies Night</i>
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin ADAM HOLT DUO, 6 p.m.
MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m. ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.
POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach DIKI ROSS, 2 p.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight
30AVENUE, Inlet Beach CADILLAC WILLY, 6-9 p.m. <i>Music on the Green</i>

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

AJ’S, Destin ALEXA BURROUGHS, 4 p.m. AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.	AJ’S, Grayton Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
	AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.
	AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com NAKD, 8 p.m.-Midnight
	ARNETT’S GULFSIDE TRAIL RIDES, Santa Rosa Beach KYLE JENNINGS, 7 p.m.
	BRIC A BRAC, Destin JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.
	CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.
	CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.
	FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 WATERZEDGE, 9 p.m.
	GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach ED WRANN, 4-7 p.m.
	HOG’S BREATH, Destin JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m. THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
	KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach FINGA FAYA, 4-7 p.m. NEW EARTH ARMY, 9 p.m.
	LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin THE MOON LAGOONS, Noon <i>Summer Roof Stage Series</i> JON COWART, 6 p.m.
	MARINA BAR & GRILL, Sandestin KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.
	MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m. ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m. HERITAGE, 9 p.m.
	MODICA MARKET, Seaside THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.
	THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.
	THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
	REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach MAX McCANN & 30A AMIGOS, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
	RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
	SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach KYLE LaMONICA, 1 p.m.
	STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.
	SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach MARI GLEASON, 5 p.m.
	SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
	30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach BRUCE SALMON, 7 p.m.
	VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 7-10 p.m. <i>Baytowne Live</i>

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

AJ’S, Destin LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 6 p.m.	AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 2-6 p.m.
AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com NAKD, 8 p.m.-Midnight	BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m. <i>Come hang by the pool with this issue’s Beachcomber Profiles subject.</i>
BRIC A BRAC, Destin COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.	CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.
COUNTY LINE PIZZA, Fort Walton Beach BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.	FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 BOUKOU GROOVE, 9 p.m.
GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach BRUCE SALMON, 4 p.m.	HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com JACOB MOHR BAND, 7 p.m. <i>Rock the Docks</i>
HOG’S BREATH, Destin KEVIN CARSON, 6-10 p.m.	KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach HERITAGE, 9 p.m.
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin MOSE WILSON & THE DELTA TWANG, Noon <i>Summer Roof Stage Series</i> JON COWART, 6 p.m.	MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m. NEW EARTH ARMY, 9 p.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.	REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)	STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.
SUNSET BAY CAFÉ, Miramar Beach AL ALVARADO, 5 p.m.	SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com STEVIE HALL, 7-10 p.m. <i>Baytowne Live</i>	VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola MAIDEN IMMORTAL – Tribute to Iron Maiden, 8 p.m.
SUNDAY, AUG. 13	
AJ’S, Destin ALEXA BURROUGHS, Noon JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.	
AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.	
AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.	
AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.	
BOSHAMPS, Destin CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.	
BROTULA’S, Destin BLAKE BROCK, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon	
CAPT. FUN’S, Pensacola Beach HERITAGE, 3 p.m.	
FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.	
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7 p.m.	
THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.	
GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.	
GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach THE MOON LAGOONS, 5 p.m.	
HARRY T’S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village KYLE LaMONICA, 3 p.m.	
HOG’S BREATH, Destin COLE JORDAN, 6-10 p.m.	
JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.	
LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m. <i>Sunday Funday</i>	
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin BOUKOU GROOVE, 1 p.m. <i>Summer Roof Stage Series</i>	
MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin BOB CUSHING, 2 p.m. ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.	
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.	
SEAGAR’S, Sandestin RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.	
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.	
STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS, 11 a.m.	
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight	
TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN’” FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	

MONDAY, AUG. 14

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 MOSE WILSON & BEN PARSONS, 8 p.m.
THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.
GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.
HOG’S BREATH, Destin JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m. <i>Cat Shirt Monday</i>
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin ADAM HOLT, 6 p.m.
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.
SEAGAR’S, Sandestin RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight
TUESDAY, AUG. 15
AJ’S, Destin LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 7 p.m.
AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com BLAKE BROCK, 5-9 p.m.
BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village DIKI ROSS, 6-9 p.m.
BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.
EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.
HOG’S BREATH, Destin BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.
THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin BOUKOU GROOVE, 5-7 p.m. <i>Pop & Shop Concerts</i>
POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach DIKI ROSS, 2-5 p.m. COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.
REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.
RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.
SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach HUCK AND LILLY, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m. <i>Taco Tuesday</i>
SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight
30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16
AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.
AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com TBD, 5-9 p.m.
BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.
CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.
CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.
EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.
FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666 PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.
FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650 CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.
HOG’S BREATH, Destin AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.
LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin JUSTIN YAWN, 6 p.m.
MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.
PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Pensacola Beach SELWYN BIRCHWOOD, 6 p.m. <i>Today’s hottest young bluesman recently released a new LP on Alligator; Pick Your Poison.</i>
THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008 RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.
REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.
RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m. JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)
SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach THE GEORGIA FLOOD, 7 p.m.

Bryan Kennedy Returns to 30A for Four Great Shows

Fresh from the Garth Brooks world tour, Beachcomber Music Award winner (among other things) **Bryan Kennedy** returns to the REP Theatre with plenty of hard-hitting talent ready to enjoy the beach and a more intimate stage.

Kennedy and his trusty sidekick **Kevin Boyle** bring wit and charm to this unique cowboy comedy and musical spectacular. The four-show series includes some of Garth Brooks’ opening acts.

Wilson Fairchild appears **Aug. 22**, followed by **Dread Clampitt**, **Duke Bardwell** and **TK Bardwell** on **Aug. 24**, **Dawn Beyer** and **Forrest Wil-**

liams Aug. 29, and **Mitch Rossell** and **Karyn Rochelle Aug. 31**.

Tickets are \$35 (\$28 for REP members). Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8. The REP Theatre is located at 216 Quincy Circle in Seaside.

- Erinn Stranko

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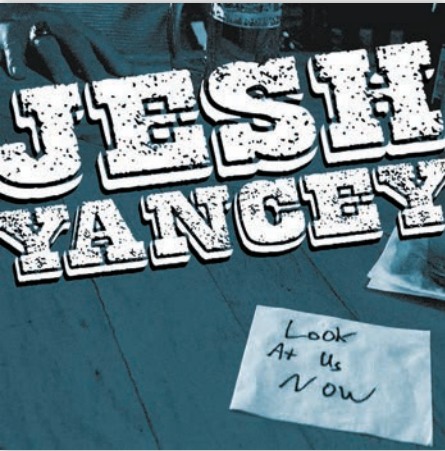


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Jesh Yancey
Look at Us Now
Independent



Alabama folkie Yancey follows the path of political and social commentary through songs. Not shy about his stance on the world, *Look at Us Now* lets the listener tap into Yancey’s perspective and ask some profound questions. If you prefer folk songs that lean heavily on substance, this seven-song EP deserves a spin.

- Nikki Hedrick

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

AUG. 11

A.J. Croce, *Just Like Medicine*
John Coltrane, *Ole Coltrane, Bags & Trane, Coltrane Plays the Blues, The Avant Garde* (Also on Vinyl)
Downtown Boys, *Cost of Living*
Guided by Voices, *How Do You Spell Heaven?*
Will Hoge, *Anchors*
Steve Howe, *Anthology 2: Groups & Collaborations*
Kesha, *Rainbow*
Lee Roy Parnell, *Midnight Believer*
Alex Williams, *Better Than Myself*

AUG. 18

The Jerry Douglas Band, *What If*
Rick Estrin & the Nightcats, *Groovin’ in Greaseland*
Grizzly Bear, *Painted Ruins*
Ray Wylie Hubbard, *Tell the Devil I’m Getting There as Fast as I Can*
Kacy & Clayton, *The Siren’s Song* (Also on Vinyl)
Shelby Lynne and Allison Moorer, *Not Dark Yet*
Raspberries, *Pop Art Live*
Artie Shaw, *These Foolish Things: The Decca Years*
Thy Art Is Murder, *Dear Desolation*
Steven Wilson, *To the Bone* (Also on Vinyl)

Source: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
JP SOARS AND THE RED HOTS, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
AUTHORITY ZERO – THE SUPERVILLAINS, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FUDPUCKER’S, Okaloosa Island, www.fudpucker.com
THE DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7 p.m.
FREE, but if you’d like priority seating, call 850-243-3833.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
POST PLUTO, 9 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
AL ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
THE VILLAGE BELLES, 7:30 p.m.
Red, White & Blue Celebration

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 6 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 6 p.m.

MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
COREY SMITH, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

AJ’S, Destin
LONGREEF, 6 p.m.
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight
Beach Luau Party, 5-9 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
BOUKOU GROOVE, 7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TONI DRAGO, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
LEO STOKES, 4-7 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.
GRAPE DRINK, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

KC’S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
FINGA FAYA, 4-7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

PARADISE BAR & GRILL, Pensacola Beach
THE STOLEN FACES, 8 p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
SPANISH FLY, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 1 p.m.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach
MARI GLEASON, 5 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

30A STORE, Seagrove Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

WORLD OF BEER, Destin
HERITAGE, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 2-6 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 8 p.m.-Midnight

BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island
DIKI ROSS, 1 p.m.

BORAGO, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 2 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
ACTION DOUG, 3-5 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf
WATERZEDGE, 6-10 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
THE SPRINGS, 7-9 p.m.
Rock the Docks

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
THE STOLEN FACES, Noon
GRITS N PIECES, 6 p.m.

MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.
SHENANIGANS, 9 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 8 a.m.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach
AL ALVARADO, 5 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

AJ’S, Destin
ALEXA BURROUGHS, Noon
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 4-8 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JAMAH TERRY, 5-9 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

BROTULA’S, Destin
BLAKE BROCK, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MATT McCARTY’s Jazz Jam, 7-10 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
THE REALITY, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
WATERZEDGE, 5-8 p.m.

HARRY T’S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village
KYLE LaMONICA, 3 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 5 p.m.

JUANA’S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 3 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
CADILLAC ATTACK, 6 p.m.

MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – “SMILIN” FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
KAP G – JR DONATO, 7 p.m.
SupaJefe Tour

MONDAY, AUG. 21

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
KEVIN CARSON, 3-5 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON & BEN PARSONS, 8 p.m.

Live Music

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.
Cat Shirt Monday

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

AJ’S, Destin
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 7 p.m.

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
BLAKE BROCK, 5-9 p.m.

BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.

GULFSIDE PAVILLION, Pensacola Beach
THE SCENIC HEIGHTS, 7 p.m.
Bands on the Beach

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
VILLAGE BRASS BAND
FAIS DO-DO, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fat Tuesday

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 6 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

THE REP THEATER, Seaside, www.LoveTheREP.com
THE BRYAN KENNEDY SHOW, 7:30 p.m.
Bryan and Kevin Boyle welcome special guest Wilson Fairchild. Tickets are \$35, \$28 for REP members.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach
HUCK AND LILLY, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 p.m.

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

AL’S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
TBD, 5-9 p.m.

BACKYARD OF LOVE, Santa Rosa Beach
JUSTIN WILSON – ANDI ZACK-JOHNSON – KEN JOHNSON, 6:30 p.m.
The Story Behind the Song series. Purchase tickets at graytonbeachcatering.com/events.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE GRAYTONES, 8 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
CONTINUUM, 7-9 p.m.
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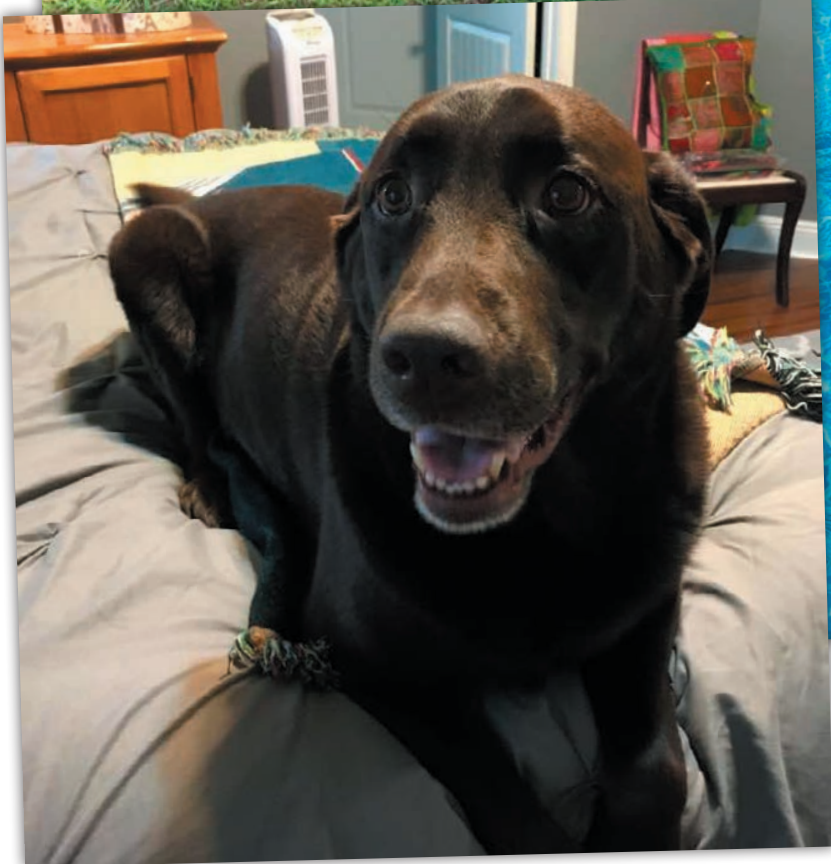
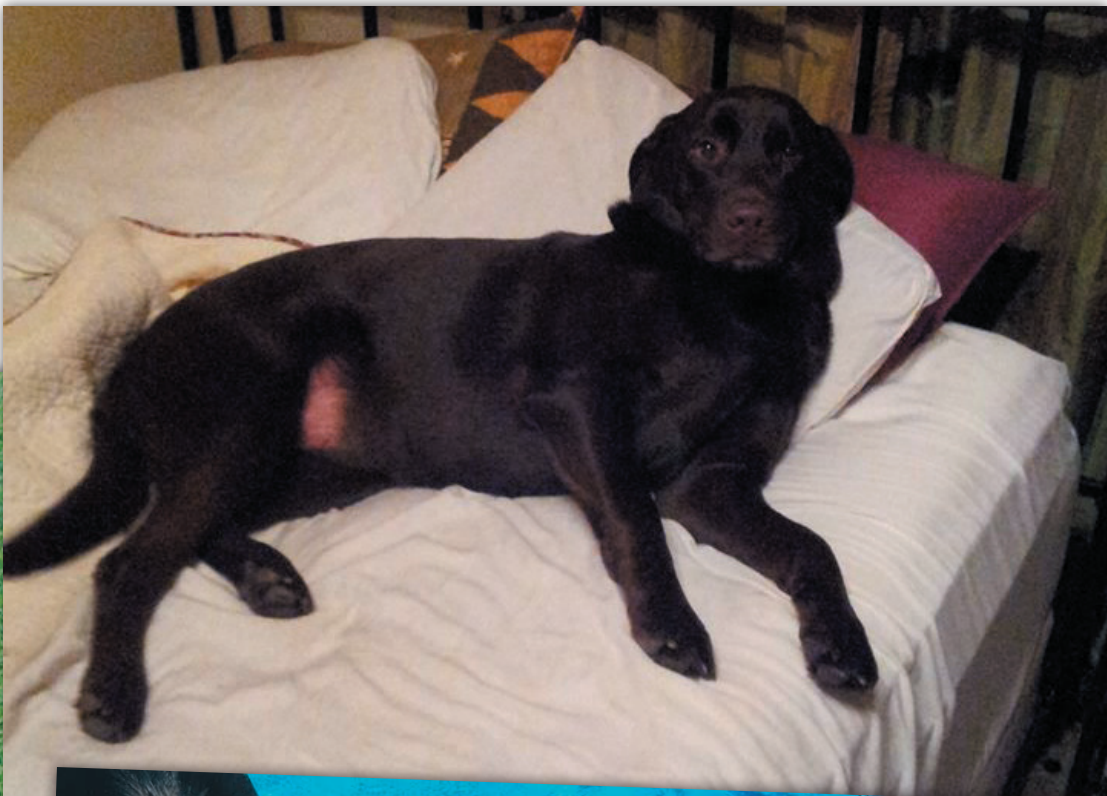
PET OF THE ISSUE

Lilee

Submitted by Sheila Conner

RIGHT: Lilee, a full blood Lab, will turn seven in September. She has apparently spent much of her life in bed.

BELOW: “She loves to hoard things in her mouth like a chipmunk,” Sheila tell us. “Some examples—socks and food she has snuck from the counter.” Looks like this turtle is safe for now.



LEFT: Sheila confirms that Lilee is a bed hog. “If you’re taking up too much room, she’ll get out of bed and bark to go outside...then when you get up, she’ll leap into your spot and make herself comfortable. She also does this when she’s irritated at her sister Coco. Lilee barks at the door, lets Coco go out first, and then she runs to a peaceful spot inside.”

ABOVE: “She’s very loving and cuddly with all adult companions,” says Sheila. “And some of her dog companions when she’s in the right mood.”

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Aug. 24-Sept. 6 events by 5 p.m. Thursday, **Aug. 17**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Why Wait? Tickets to October's Best of the Emerald Coast on Sale Now

The Junior League of the Emerald Coast (JLEC) partners with Rowland Publishing to host **The 18th Annual Best of the Emerald Coast** in Grand Boulevard Saturday, **Oct. 21**, at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 for general admission and \$75 for VIP. Ticket prices are set to increase the week of the event and

are on sale now at **EmeraldCoastMagazine.com**. VIP tickets include access to the VIP lounge with exclusive food and drinks, along with a VIP swag bag.

"This event allows us to celebrate and support the best businesses in our area, while also seamlessly fur-

thering our mission of promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women as civic leaders and improving our local community," says JLEC president **Marissa Rollins**.

Best of the Emerald Coast is the largest annual fundraiser for JLEC. The 2017 event will be a night of food,

fashion and fun where patrons can sample from the best restaurants, shopping and businesses on the Emerald Coast. Guests are invited to enjoy an evening of community, and experience the unique attributes that made this year's winners stand out among the crowd.

- Cadence Peeples

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

LIP SYNC BATTLES

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
www.ALsBeachClub.com
Your opportunity to dig out those shredded jeans and own the stage.

MAGICAL THURSDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7 and 8 p.m.
www.BaytowneWharf.com
Your last chance to join ubiquitous pirate **Captain Davy** for two adventures on stage.

MISS BOAT WEEK 2017 BIKINI CONTEST

The Block, Fort Walton Beach, 7 p.m.
theblockclub.com
One of the highlights of Boat Week, which also includes the Emerald Coast Poker Run. If you'd like to participate, register at **www.emeraldcoastpokerrun.com**.

RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9:15 p.m.
www.EmeraldGrande.com



A salute to a local hero, plus presentation of the colors, WWI vintage air show, entertainment from **The Village Belles**, fireworks at 9, and fire spinning from **Just Add Fire**.

TEEN NIGHT

Fudpucker's, Destin, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
www.fudpucker.com
For ages 14-17. Cost is \$15 per person for DJ, light show, glow drinks, etc. VIP tickets available.

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

BACK TO SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION PARTY

VINE Wine Bar & Shop, Navarre, 2-6 p.m.
Our wonderful educators are invited to enjoy extended happy hour and discounts (plus a FREE gift) from Emerald Coast Honey & Lace.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK PRESENTATION

Destin Library, 2 p.m.
850-837-8572



Photo courtesy of the Destin Library.

A representative from the park talks about the history of this magnificent public treasure. FREE and open to the public. Presented by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library. Email friendsofthedestinlibrary@gmail.com for more info.

EMERALD COAST POKER RUN CAPTAINS PARTY

AJ's, Destin, 7-10 p.m.
EmeraldCoastPokerRun.com
Food, drink, and entertainment by the incredible **Jacob Mohr Band**.

R.E.L. McCASKILL: THE MOST IMPOSING PERSONALITY IN THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF NICEVILLE AND VALPARAISO

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, Noon
850-678-2615
Join **Elisa Mitchiner** from the Boggy-Niceville Online History Center for a FREE lecture. Bring a sandwich or other lunch item if you like. Space is limited—call the number above to reserve your spot.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

BACK TO SCHOOL GLOW OUT

Lagerheads, Navarre Beach, 5 p.m.-1 a.m.
The tournament includes juniors and adults, high and low divisions, and four-person teams. Sign up for \$20 per person on the Facebook events page (look for it!).

BEACH PARTY BUS BREW TOUR

Walmart, Destin, Noon
Don't worry, they're just picking up at Walmart, and then the party bus will head to McGuire's, the Destin Brewery and PROPS in Fort Walton Beach.

FURNITURE PAINTING DEMO

De'France Indoor Fleamarket Antiques & Collectibles, Fort Walton Beach, 1-2 p.m.
An informal demonstration using Maison

Blanche Vintage Furniture Paint. Ask all the questions you like.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
www.GrandBoulevard.com
Dozens of unique vendors offer mostly locally-sourced food-based items. Specialty soaps and lotions are also for sale.

KIDS SUMMER SAGAS

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
www.heritage-museum.org
Subject of the mind-sparking program for youngsters is "What Is That?" Cost is \$8 per child (\$6 for museum members)—one adult per family admitted FREE, additional adults \$3. Space is limited—call 850-678-2615 for reservations.

MONTHLY BOARD GAME NIGHT

TBS Comics, Fort Walton Beach, 6-11:59 p.m.
Enjoy new and bestselling board games alike. New players welcome.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

BLUE WAHOOS BASEBALL

Blue Wahoos Stadium, Pensacola, 4 p.m.
milb.com
The Wahoos host the **Mobile BayBears**. Starting at 3 p.m., children can meet and greet PBS KIDS stars (Curious George and the Man with the Yellow Hat, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Super Why!) thanks to our friends from WSRE-TV. More info at **wsre.org**.

FAMILY SUNDAY FUNDAY

American Legion Post 75, Crestview, 1-5 p.m.
Rock painting, food, and live music by **The Mill Creek Band**.

INDUSTRY NIGHT

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
www.ALsBeachClub.com
Specials on Bud Light, plus \$3 fireballs.

MEAT BINGO

American Legion Post 382, Navarre, 1-4 p.m.
Play bingo, win packages of meat. Yes, this is for real.

MONDAY, AUG. 14

BLUE WAHOOS BASEBALL

Blue Wahoos Stadium, Pensacola, 6:30 p.m.

milb.com

The Wahoos host the **Mobile BayBears**.

MILITARY MONDAY

Helen Back Again, Navarre, 7-10 p.m.
Pizza and pitchers for retired and active duty military.

MONDAY LEAGUE FALL SIGNUP

Hurricane Lanes, Destin, 7-10 p.m.
Fall league will meet for 10 weeks, Mondays at 7 p.m. through **Oct. 16**. Form a four-player team with friends, family, co-workers or perfect strangers.

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

BOOK CLUB

Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 6-7:30 p.m.
August's book is *The Drunken Botanist* by Amy Stewart. FREE with drinks and light snacks provided. Adults of all ages are encouraged to join.

FAT TUESDAY PARADE

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-10 p.m.
www.EmeraldGrande.com
The Destin Harbor transforms into the Big Easy, with dazzling floats, colorful costumes and street performers. Live music from the **Village Brass Band** at 7 p.m. on the main stage, and fire spinning by **Just Add Fire** following the parade.

PANHANDLE UNITED ROLLER DERBY FRESH MEAT BOOTCAMP

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8 p.m.
recruiting@beachbrawlsk8rdolls.com
The home track opens up to skaters and referees ages 18 and older. Email for more info.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

DESTIN SEMINOLE CLUB KICKOFF PARTY

Harry T's Lighthouse, HarborWalk Village, 6-8 p.m.
FREE appetizer buffet, plus giveaways, food and drink specials. Go 'Noles!

LIVE TRIVIA

World of Beer, Destin, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
facebook.com/FLPanhandleTrivia

WORLD BARTENDER CHAMPIONSHIP

TGIFriday's, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8 p.m.
emeraldcoasttroyalumni.com
2017 regional competition, benefiting the

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Emerald Coast Chapter of Troy Alumni, and featuring drink specials, prizes, and more. Limited reserved bar seating available for \$20 a pop.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

BIKE NIGHT
Rockin’ Tacos Grill & Tequila Bar, Okaloosa Island, 7-10 p.m.
Join the Harley crew for \$15 buckets of Bud Light, Miller Lite and Coors Light, plus 15 percent off all liquor and food. Entertainment by **DJ Chubby**.

LIP SYNC BATTLES
Al’s Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
www.ALsBeachClub.com
Your opportunity to dig out those shredded jeans and own the stage.

PLANETARIUM NIGHTS
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5, 6 and 7 p.m.
An evening of cosmic excitement and adventure.

RED, WHITE & BLUE CELEBRATION
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9:15 p.m.
www.EmeraldGrande.com
A salute to a local hero, plus presentation of the colors, WII vintage air show, entertainment from **The Village Belles**, fireworks at 9, and fire spinning from **Just Add Fire**.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

BEACH LUAU PARTY
Al’s Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 p.m.
www.ALsBeachClub.com
FREE family-friendly bash with island dance and fire performances from **Aerial Events** at 8 p.m. Plus—tropical beach games with prizes, live music from **The Good Lookings**, and Polynesian pig roast. The event proceeds will benefit **Emerald Coast Wounded Warriors**.

“POLLINATORS PARADISE” HOME SCHOOL TOUR
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 1-2:30 p.m.
850-678-2615
Students and families will learn about pollinators’ importance to our environment and food sources, among other things. Cost is \$8 per student (\$6 for museum members). Preregistration required—call the number above to reserve a spot.

SOUTHERN OUTLAW TOUR
Emerald Coast Dragway, Holt, 5 p.m.
Details not available at press time. Check out the Dragway’s Facebook page for updates.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

FUHC FEST: FEEDING THE URBAN HOMELESS COMMUNITY
The Handlebar, Pensacola, 6 p.m.-2 a.m.
gofundme.com/fuhc-fest-donations
Music, art, comedy and more, with proceeds donated to local homeless shelters and initiatives.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Park, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
www.GrandBoulevard.com
Dozens of unique vendors offer mostly locally-sourced food-based items. Specialty soaps and lotions are also for sale.

ROLLER DERBY DOUBLE HEADER
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 4-9 p.m.
PanhandleUnitedRollerDerby.com
Enjoy the **Beach Brawl Sk8r Dolls’** first ever homecoming bout, followed by the **Tallahassee Rollergirls** taking on Huntsville’s **Dixie Derby Girls**. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, with discounts for military and first responders. Kids under 10 get in FREE with paid adult.

SIXTH ANNUAL PADDLE AT THE PORCH
The Back Porch Seafood & Oyster House, Destin, 9 a.m.
PaddleAtThePorch.com



Photo submitted by Elizabeth Spies.
Standup paddleboarding on the beautiful Gulf waters, with races for all skill and age levels. Call 850-837-6241 for more info.

SOUTHERN OUTLAW TOUR
Emerald Coast Dragway, Holt, 7 p.m.
Details not available at press time. Check out the Dragway’s Facebook page for updates.

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

INDUSTRY NIGHT
Al’s Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 10 p.m.-Midnight
www.ALsBeachClub.com
Specials on Bud Light, plus \$3 fireballs.

MONDAY, AUG. 21

BLUE WAHOOS BASEBALL
Blue Wahoos Stadium, Pensacola, 6:30 p.m.
milb.com
The Wahoos take on the **Jackson Generals**.

MAKING STRIDES OF THE EMERALD COAST KICKOFF EVENT
Ramada Plaza, Okaloosa Island, 6 p.m.
makingstrideswalk.org
Enjoy a local guest speaker and the reveal for this year’s “Real Men Wear Pink” lineup.

MILITARY MONDAY
Helen Back Again, Navarre, 7-10 p.m.
Pizza and pitchers for retired and active duty military.

REP. MATT GAETZ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
SEC Consulting, Niceville, 6 p.m.
okaloosagop.com
Congressman Gaetz shares “important information on his continuing efforts to make our district heard in Washington.”

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING
Morgan Sports Center, Destin



Art provided by the Destin Library.

A spectacular total eclipse of the sun, visible across the width of the continental United States for the first time since 1918. Check the **Destin Library’s** Facebook for details.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

BLUE WAHOOS BASEBALL
Blue Wahoos Stadium, Pensacola, 6:30 p.m.
milb.com
The Wahoos take on the **Jackson Generals**.

SANGLIER CELLARS WINE DINNER
Bijoux Destin, Miramar Beach, 6-9 p.m.
Join vintner **Glenn Alexander**, who will share marvelous wines from the Healdsburg, California-based Sanglier Cellars. Stay tuned for more info.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service at the Crab Trap, Scenic 98, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); summer service at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 10 a.m. (combined traditions and Xalt); sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 6:30 p.m. (bring your own chair). 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children’s church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

BLUE WAHOOS BASEBALL
Blue Wahoos Stadium, Pensacola, 6:30 p.m.
milb.com
The Wahoos take on the **Jackson Generals**.

LIVE TRIVIA
World of Beer, Destin, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
facebook.com/FLPanhandleTrivia

WALTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN SYMPOSIUM
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, Miramar Beach
850-892-3191
This year’s theme is “Empowering Women.” Cost is \$110 (\$100 for Chamber members).

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org**.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org**.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or **www.shorelinechurch.net**.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON’S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

Children’s Advocacy Center Seeks Back to School Supplies



It’s back to school time, and the **Emerald Coast Children’s Advocacy Center** (ECCAC) in Niceville and DeFuniak Springs wants to make sure kids are ready.

Both centers are collecting back to school supplies for the abused and neglected children receiving services by the organization. Over 600 children per year receive these services at no cost to their families.

Item being collected are backpacks, loose-leaf paper, pencils, pens, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, highlighters, folders, rulers, and notebooks (spiral and three-ring). The items can be dropped off at either Center by **Aug. 18**. For more information, or to arrange pickup of larger donations, contact Chelsea

at Chelsea@eccac.org or call 850-833-9237, ext. 256.

ECCAC’s mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, protect children in Okaloosa and Walton counties, and restore the lives and futures of these impacted children. Both centers house a multidisciplinary team of child protection personnel, prosecutors, law enforcement, DCF, therapists, staff and volunteers. Services are provided at no cost by the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

For further information, including volunteer and donation opportunities, visit www.eccac.org or call 850-833-9237, ext. 283. If abuse is suspected, call the anonymous Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE.

- Kay Phelan

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A Taste of the Fort Walton Beach Farmers Market

By Samantha Lambert

Where can you find locally grown products and handmade items? The Fort Walton Beach Farmers Market, held at the Fort Walton Beach Landing Park downtown every second and fourth Saturday of the month. It starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

The Farmers Market sits on the Santa Rosa Sound where a nice breeze comes in off the water. There are artisan food vendors and products from local farmers, along with local craft vendors sporting a wide array of handmade items.

Smiddie's Viddles has been a mainstay of the Farmers Market for the last five years. The company is owned by **Kevin Smith**, who has a farm in northwest Walton County. He grows Asian pears, Muscatine grapes, figs, and more. He sells homemade jellies, preserves, relish and rubs. "This is a wonderful market and there is always a nice crowd out here," he says.



The Fairy Kitchen is owned by Abbey McNeal. It is a Florida cottage licensed kitchen in which McNeal makes gluten-free, organic and non-GMO baked goods. Some of her specialties are high protein muffins, sea salt brownies and varieties of baked bread.



Heavenly Potions is owned by Randy Compton and Concha Worth. They create products that are all sugar free. Some of their homemade items include Bloody Mary mix, Soul of the South barbecue sauce, habanero pepper jelly and Spanish gazpacho. Worth also makes and sells handmade jewelry and crafts. Randy's daughter Lindsey helps out at the market.

NoWal Farm (North Walton) is owned by Lindsey and Gary Jackson. They have been at the Fort Walton Beach Farmers Market for four years now and were among the first vendors. You can pick up eggs, apple butter, wild honey and blue water berry honey, and you can order meats from them. Lindsey is a beekeeper who has 100 beehives and is also a master gardener. She enjoys doing demonstrations for local 4-H clubs.



Golden Dreams Dairy in East Milton is owned by Kim McKelvey and her family. It is a small dairy farm with Guernsey cows, and they also breed Heritage livestock. They sell milk, fresh cheese and ice cream. McKelvey also sells various flavors of honey. A customer from Pensacola buys the flavored honey—she likes to put in her coffee.



The Pledge Allegiance Flag Company is owned by veterans Deja and Shane Cronley. They make handmade rustic wooden American flags representing the Air Force, Marines and Army. They have been in business since December 2016.

And then there is Pink Flamingos, which sells handcrafted jewelry and specialty items. This is owner Jennifer Pope's first year as a vendor at the Fort Walton Beach Farmers Market.

One of the regular customers at the Fort Walton Beach Farmers Market is Q92 Radio program director and disc jockey **Chelsea Alayne**. "I love coming down to the market. I love the homemade jams and jellies and other products. Plus, I like the sense of community here." she says.

The next Fort Walton Beach Farmers Market will be held Saturday **Aug. 12**. There is plenty of FREE parking, so come out and support local businesses.

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BOOKSTORES

READ IT AGAIN Used and rare books. Browse inventory and shop online at www.readitagain1.com or just come see us at 703 John Sims Parkway in Niceville, just one block west of Niceville High School. Hours of operation are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We have a little bit of everything—popular reads, new releases, fiction, nonfiction, fantasy and science fiction, mystery and suspense, romance, history, military and so much more. 850-279-4646.

EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. www.ecscience.org.

FARMERS' MARKETS

30A FARMERS' MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. www.regattabay.com.

SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB Referred to as the “Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle” by *Golf Magazine*, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. www.santarosacub.com.

MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

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MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

MUSIC STORES

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children’s playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin’s early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday

through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather’s restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARIER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe’s.



TOPSAIL HILL STATE PRESERVE Two major freshwater coastal dune lakes are located within the 1,600-acre preserve. Campground entrance and day use entrance are located on West Scenic Highway 30-A, 1/4 mile south of U.S. 98. 850-267-0299. www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.

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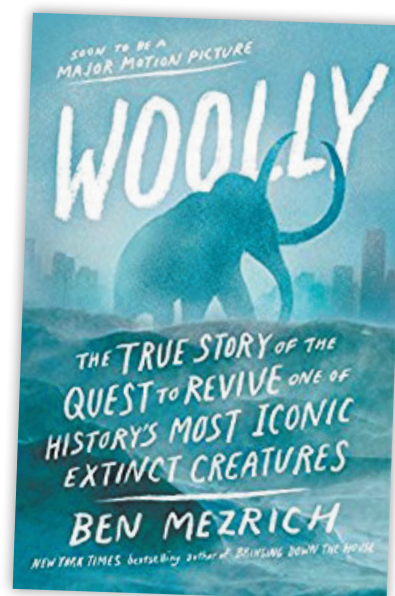
Recommended Reading

Ben Mezrich

Woolly: The True Story of the Quest to Revive One of History's Most Iconic Extinct Creatures

Atria Books

Fans of *Jurassic Park*—including those who actually think it's true—will enjoy this punchy blend of dramatized science and appealing pop culture. A band of brilliant eccentrics (yes, a movie is planned) and regular folks from all over the world are drawn together by the prospect of reviving the Woolly Mammoth, a creature last seen some 3,000 years ago. Unlike *Jurassic Park*, the process here is more like breeding than cloning—implanting the genetic code of the extinct animal into one of its modern relatives to produce “de-extinction.” Why? Another doomed theme park? Read and see.



- Bruce Collier

Ditter Kellen

Ruby and the Beast

www.ditterkellen.com

Guess what favorite fairy tale this retells? What makes this version engaging is the author's take on how beautiful Ruby Atwood, the innocent ingénue, comes to love the beastly Lincoln Barone—how fine romantic vaporings and the earthly mechanics of fitting tremendously large things into tremendously small spaces changes hearts.

The backdrop is New Orleans. The back-story is that years before, Ruby's auntie disappeared following an affair with the Barone family's *pater familias*. Knowing Ruby's aunt to have been pregnant, Ruby's grandmother lays a curse on the Barone family for her daughter's murder. Thus, the *pater familias'* wife, also pregnant, dies in childbirth. The cursed child, Lincoln, is born motherless, with a visage so ill favored he is nicknamed the Beast, and grows up the sworn enemy of anyone named Atwood. When Ruby returns home from school to bury her father, she becomes the only Atwood left for Lincoln to hate.

- Wynn Parks

UPCOMING BOOKS

AUG. 15

Sandra Brown, *Seeing Red*

Tess Gerritsen, *I Know a Secret: A Rizzoli & Isles Novel*

Matt Hagee, *Your Guide to the Apocalypse: What You Should Know Before the World Comes to an End* (Paperback)

N.K. Jemisin, *The Stone Sky* (Paperback)

Raheem Kassam and Nigel Farage, *No Go Zones: How Sharia Law Is Coming to a Neighborhood Near You*

Stella Parks, *BraveTart: Iconic American Desserts*

Lisa Scottoline, *Exposed* (Rosato & DiNunzio Series)

AUG. 22

Ayobami Adebayo, *Stay with Me: A Novel*

Sabrina Benaim, *Depression & Other Magic Tricks* (Paperback)

Dale E. Bredesen, M.D., *The End of Alzheimer's: The First Program to Prevent and Reverse Cognitive Decline*

Sue Grafton, *Y Is for Yesterday* (Kinsey Millhone Series)

Chuck Runyon and Dave Mortensen with Mark Conklin, *Love Work: Inspire a High-Performing Work Culture at the Center of People, Purpose, Profits and Play*

Clay Scroggins, *How to Lead When You're Not in Charge: Leveraging Influence When You Lack Authority*

Source: amazon.com

STREAM ON



Dance Academy
Netflix
It's a little strange that I love this show so much, since I'm not part of *Dance Academy's* target audience of 13-year-old girls. Maybe it's because Tara, the lead character, isn't pouty or beautiful or even that great of a dancer. She finds herself ranked dead last on the school's list after her performances regularly underwhelm peers and superiors. But despite being socially awkward, she perseveres while weathering a fair amount of taunting and backstabbing by friends along with the cutting remarks of her uptight dance teacher. Likewise, the supporting cast is just as multi-dimensional, with lives that can go from privileged to pitiable in a single episode. And it doesn't hurt that the entire series is shot in Australia against a backdrop of glorious beach scenes and landscapes. Or that one of the male dance instructors is drool-inducing gorgeous.

- Joni Williams

Grace and Frankie
Netflix
Grace and Frankie is a delightful sitcom that makes women in their 70s the stars of the show and their friends and families' lives. Grace and Frankie (played by Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin), who have never gotten along, become thrown together after their respective marriages end in the most difficult of ways and they have to figure out their new lives. They are two of the most vivacious and endearing characters on TV, and the show does an incredible job of portraying the realities of aging while highlighting women who have so much life. Seasons 1 through 3 are currently streaming.

- Jane Morgan

I Don't Feel at Home in This World Anymore
Netflix
When she gets stepped on (so to speak) one too many times, Ruth shakes off her depression and steps up her game. She forms an unexpected alliance with her kooky neighbor Tony, who just happens to have a nunchucks obsession. After angrily confronting him about walking his dog by her yard and not cleaning up after him, Ruth and Tony join forces to pursue the burglars who broke into her home. In some ways, this movie has all the trappings of any other—sometimes suspenseful with injections of offbeat humor. But these characters are gritty and real and superbly acted by Elijah Wood and Melanie Lynskey. If quirky dark humor appeals to you, don't miss this one.

- Joni Williams

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

AUG. 11
Annabelle: Creation. A grieving dollmaker, plus nuns and orphans, make for a better-than-average horror picture.
The Glass Castle. Adaptation of Jeannette Walls' bestselling memoir. With Woody Harrelson, Naomi Watts and Brie Larson.
Good Time. Well-reviewed heist gone wrong flick, directed by Ben and Joshua Safdie.
The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature. Animated sequel will hopefully answer all those nagging questions from the first *Nut Job*. With Will Arnett.
Whose Streets? Damon Davis and Sabaah Foleyan's documentary about the Ferguson uprising.

AUG. 18
The Hitman's Bodyguard. Samuel L. Jackson, Ryan Reynolds.
Lemon. Comedy-drama about a 40-year-old man "in free fall immobilized by mediocrity."
Logan Lucky. Director Steven Soderbergh returns to heist territory, this time at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. With Channing Tatum and Adam Driver.

Source: www.metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

AUG. 15
After the Storm. Acclaimed family drama from writer-director Hirokazu Kore-eda.
Alien: Covenant. Noomi Rapace, James Franco, Katherine Waterston, Billy Crudup, aliens.

AUG. 22
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2. Chris Pratt, Kurt Russell, Zoe Saldana.
Supergirl: Season 2. Chyler Leigh, David Harewood, Mehdad Brooks. It's called *Supergirl*, because *Superman's Cousin* lacked sex appeal.

Source: www.metacritic.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, AUG. 15
"LION"
Destin Library, 2 p.m.
850-837-8572
In Garth Davis' 2017 drama, a five-year-old boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple from Australia. Twenty-five years later, he sets out to find his family. The FREE screening is sponsored by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library, Inc.



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	Moon	90%	Low 9:42pm
8.12	Sunrise	6:11am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:30pm	High 4:34am
	Moon	83%	Low 9:01pm
8.13	Sunrise	6:12am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:29pm	High 4:10am
	Moon	74%	Low 12:31pm
8.14	Sunrise	6:13am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:29pm	High 4:24am
	Moon	63%	Low 2:35pm
8.15	Sunrise	6:13am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:28pm	High 5:01am
	Moon	52%	Low 3:56pm
8.16	Sunrise	6:14am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:26pm	High 5:53am
	Moon	41%	Low 5:03pm
8.17	Sunrise	6:14am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:25pm	High 6:54am
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	Sunset	7:24pm	High 7:58am
	Moon	20%	Low 7:00pm
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	Moon	11%	Low 7:49pm
8.20	Sunrise	6:16am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:22pm	High 9:59am
	Moon	5%	Low 8:32pm
8.21	Sunrise	6:17am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:21pm	High 10:53am
	Moon	1%	Low 9:04pm
8.22	Sunrise	6:17am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:20pm	High 11:45am
	Moon	0%	Low 9:22pm
8.23	Sunrise	6:18am	TIDES
	Sunset	7:19pm	High 12:36pm
	Moon	1%	Low 9:18pm

Emerald Coast Theatre Co. Celebrates Season Five with Food, Awards



Emerald Coast Theatre Company (ECTC) opens its doors to launch the fifth anniversary season of its Theatre Education Program with a “Breakfast and Bonding” open house celebration Saturday, **Aug. 12**, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

At 10:30, ECTC will announce its annual Educational Program Awards.

The event will be held in ECTC’s performing arts space, located upstairs at 560 Grand Boulevard in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin in Miramar Beach.

The event is **FREE** and open to the public. Donations provided will benefit the Paul Londe Education and Scholarship fund.

The open house event enables guests to meet ECTC’s Theatre Education staff and learn details of ECTC’s upcoming fifth anniversary season. There will be opportunities to purchase ECTC swag and chances to enter a drawing to win a Trek bicycle.

“We invite everyone on the Emerald Coast to come join us for breakfast,” says ECTC producing artistic director **Nathanael Fisher**. “This is a great opportunity

to mix and mingle with our talented Educational Staff, ask questions of us and learn more about our Theatre Education programs and offerings planned for the 2017-2018 school year, while enjoying delicious food and great company.”

Following the open house breakfast, ECTC will bestow its annual ECTC Educational Program Awards to thespians who participated in ECTC’s Fall 2016, Spring 2017 and Summer 2017 programs. Recognition will be given to five, 10 and 15 show participants. Other honors awarded will be the ECTC Community Award and Most Dedicated Actor Awards.

“This awards ceremony is our turn to honor and thank the dedicated young people who pour their hearts and souls into each and every performance,” says Fisher. “I am humbled and inspired by all that these kids accomplish each season, and this is our way of letting them know just how much we admire and appreciate them.”

To make a tax-deductible donation, volunteer or learn more about Emerald Coast Theatre Company, find them on Facebook, call 850-684-0323 and visit **www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org**.

- Zandra Wolfgram

Stage > Upcoming Shows

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

ACT4MURDER’S “MURDER WITHOUT A CLUE”

La Paz, Destin, 7 p.m.

www.act4murder.com

Paula Hilton and her award-winning cast take on TV cooking competition shows, and the results are hot and messy...and deadly! Cost is \$34.95 per person and includes dinner and show. VIP packages available.

AWKWARD OXEN IMPROV HOUR

Fonville Press, Alys Beach, 10 a.m.

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The REP Theatre, Seaside, 10 p.m.

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HYPNOSIS GONE WILD – ADULT COMEDY SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.

TheSTOKEDShow.com

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

MAXIMUM MAGIC DINNER SHOW

Fudpucker’s, Okaloosa Island, 6:30 p.m.

Starring **Noah and Heather Wells**. For tickets, visit **www.Fudpucker.com**.

STAGE CRAFTERS’ “STEEL MAGNOLIAS”

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

www.StageCraftersFWB.com

Robert Harling’s beloved play, directed by **Melissa Wolf-Bates**. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for students), available at the door, at P.S. Gifts in Fort Walton Beach and Bayou Book Co. in Niceville, by phone at 850-243-1101, and online at the website listed above.

“STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW”

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.

TheSTOKEDShow.com

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

KADAN BART ROCKETT & BROOKLYN

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 7:30 p.m.

www.DestinMagic.com

STAGE CRAFTERS’ “STEEL MAGNOLIAS”

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

www.StageCraftersFWB.com

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

STAGE CRAFTERS’ “STEEL MAGNOLIAS”

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 2 p.m.

www.StageCraftersFWB.com

“STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW”

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.

TheSTOKEDShow.com

MONDAY, AUG. 14

MAXIMUM MAGIC DINNER SHOW

Fudpucker’s, Okaloosa Island, 7 p.m.

For tickets, visit **www.Fudpucker.com**.

“PINOCCHIO”

Seaside Amphitheater, Santa Rosa Beach, 6:30 p.m.

www.LoveTheREP.com

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Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

MAXIMUM MAGIC DINNER SHOW

Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, 7 p.m.
For tickets, visit www.Fudpucker.com.

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.
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THURSDAY, AUG. 17

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Twisted Grape, Shalimar, 6 p.m.
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FRIDAY, AUG. 18

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SATURDAY, AUG. 19

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MONDAY, AUG. 21

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TUESDAY, AUG. 22

HYPNOSIS GONE WILD – ADULT COMEDY SHOW

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 9:30 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

MAXIMUM MAGIC DINNER SHOW

Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, 7 p.m.
For tickets, visit www.Fudpucker.com.

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"

Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 6 p.m.
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Snap! Snap! "Addams Family" Auditions in FoWal Aug. 15 + 16

Stage Crafters' third and final production of 2017 is *The Addams Family*. It will be staged at the Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium **Nov. 10-12 and 17-19**.

The musical centers on Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, who has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a (*gasp!*) respectable family.

The Addams Family first appeared in Charles Addams' still-hilarious

cartoons, followed by the popular TV sitcom starring John Astin, Carolyn Jones, Ted Cassidy and Jackie Coogan. A pair of movies introduced these horribly funny characters to a new generation.

The Stage Crafters production will be directed by **Joseph Perna**. Auditions will be held **Aug. 15 and 16** at the Stage Crafters Rehearsal Hall at 40 Robinwood Drive in Fort Walton Beach. Check-in is at 6:30 p.m., with scripts available. Auditions begin at 7.

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Flamingos by Beachcomberland artist Cheryl Gray. Hey, do they make 30A brand umbrellas?!?



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Superior water photography by Edward A. McGrath, whose work will appear on our Aug. 24 cover.



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Another fantastic action shot of the Starfish Family from this issue's cover photographer, John Hollan.

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Real Estate Answers

What Is the Future of Retirement and Relocation to Our Area?

The Okaloosa-Walton real estate market has seen tremendous growth and a steady flow of homebuyers relocating to our communities over the past four decades.

*This issue's question is answered by **Brad Shoults**, co-owner of RE/MAX Southern Real Estate, and **Jerry Sullivan** of Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate.*

Shoults has been a licensed real estate broker in Florida and Alabama for over 22 years and is a member of the RE/MAX Hall of Fame.

Sullivan has been involved in commercial and residential real estate for over 14 years, including management, construction and ownership of a successful real estate company here on the Emerald Coast.

Beachcomber readers are encouraged to submit their real estate questions to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

*By Brad Shoults,
RE/MAX Southern Real Estate*

The impact of both the military and tourism industries continues to be strong in attracting people to relocate and even retire in Destin and surrounding areas.

With continued growth in military expansion, more businesses catering to the influx of servicemen, and the development of the commercial airport park in Crestview, we are seeing a rise in new residents.

These are major factors, adding a significant number of high-paying civil defense contractors, general contractors and business owners that are now moving to our communities. Additionally, we continue to experience an uptick in relocation due to the new army base and the government's downsizing of on-base housing.

The same holds true as tourism remains strong. We continue to draw attention to our area, and many of those that vacation here decide to move here.

As for retirement, Florida continues to lead the nation in retirees, and our area remains in the top five favored locations in the state. In addition to our

*By Jerry Sullivan,
Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate*

Fiercely in tune with the market, the Century 21 Blue Marlin staff makes it our mission to monitor the market and factors that may affect our beachside town. Destin's growing population has made it a popular spot for those retiring and relocating.

While our white, sandy beaches boast awe-inspiring views and sunsets similar to those seen on postcards, we don't have to worry about an influx of retirees heading south.

According to an analysis by the CoStar Group, a real estate information company, more than 80 percent of people age 55 and older in 17 major real estate markets that moved during the past seven years remained in the same county or state.

That's not to say all retirees will pass on the beach life. A number of retirees favor markets with warmer weather and retiree-friendly tax situations. Since Florida is among the states that does not charge state income taxes generally, this makes Social Security taxation a moot point.

While retirees may not be a major concern, we still can expect the annual droves of Snowbirds who frequent our area December through February.

When it comes to those looking to relocate to Florida, there are a number of factors taken into consideration. Many factors are in the eye of the beholder, such

Brad Shoults continued...

beautiful beaches, moderate climate and abundance of outdoor activities including golf, other financial indicators drive the decision.

With reasonable cost of living, availability of health care and no state income tax, many retiring military choose to spend their post-military years here. This can be said of tourists, too. After vacationing here for years, many decide to make Okaloosa County or Walton County their permanent home upon leaving the workforce.

With the demand increasing, especially as the baby boomers move into this stage of life, new developments catering to this group emerge. Already, the St. Joe Company is in the initial stage of a massive retirement community in Walton County at Highway 20.

So many indicators point to the positive future growth in both relocation and retirement. RE/MAX Southern Realty and our professional agents are poised to aid them in their transition to the Emerald Coast way of life.



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as climate, politics or proximity to extended family.

Other aspects are coveted by nearly everybody—affordable housing, access to well-paying jobs, a low cost of living, good schools and quality healthcare—all of which make Destin an ideal spot for relocation.

While we have assisted families and individuals looking to relocate to the Destin area, a majority of the business we see is from military. As many residents and visitors know, Northwest Florida is home to a significant concentration of Air Force and Navy installations, including Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field and Tyndall Air Force Base. The military influence is not only apparent in the highly skilled and dedicated workforce, but in the communities where military families raise their children and contribute their time to volunteer service.

In an effort to better serve these individuals, a number of Century 21 Blue Marlin agents hold the National Association of Realtor (NAR) Military Relocation Professional Certification. The NAR awards the MRP certification to realtors who help military personnel, veterans and their families find housing that lets them make the best use of their benefits and serves the unique needs of military life. Realtors who earn this certification know how to work with active duty military buyers and sellers, as well as veterans.



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Fall into a Better Meal – An Easy Option for Eating Healthy at Home, Work or School

By Tracy McCraw

The crazy days of summer are about to give way to the even crazier days of fall. With this change in your day-to-day routine, it's also a good time to change the hectic weekly meal planning required for you and your family.

Locally-owned **Healthy Coast Meals** (in Fort Walton Beach, across from Uptown Station on Eglin Parkway) offers an exciting new dining option for eating healthy on your busy schedule—or, if you're like me, just too lazy or worn out to cook.

The idea of healthy, fresh and nutritious meals, ready to heat and eat, had me sold immediately. I was not disappointed. The taste of the Greek Bison Burger entree was amazing. In just two minutes, I was dining on a gourmet burger stuffed with spinach and a hint of Feta, and covered with fresh red bell pepper strips. It was plated on a bed of steamed spinach and freshly cut and roasted new potatoes that were just as tasty. It was easy, quick, low-cost, healthy, and, most importantly, delicious.

“With our online menus, you can plan out a week of meals, custom fit them to your dietary needs, order online or over the phone, and then either have them delivered to your door or pick them up at several locations from Navarre to Panama City Beach,” explains co-owner **Ross Cole**. “And each delicious meal has the nutrition facts right there on the label.”

The meals are created for busy people who want to maintain a healthy lifestyle and have healthy food at their fingertips. Cole, an innovative



restaurateur, and co-owner **Ashley Cronley**, a professional fitness competitor and coach, are passionate about helping people reach their health and nutrition goals.

“The benefits of having healthy meals to take home for lunch and dinner, or all your meals for the week planned out and ready to go are endless,” says Cronley. “Whether you are looking to eat healthier after a summer of too much fun, remove kitchen time from home time, or looking for a fresh, healthy choice to bring to work or send to school with your child, our

meals, sides and treats provide a great way to do so.

“All of our meals are gluten-free, and we offer dairyfree options as well. We also have package deals online to save on weekly orders.”

The only way to truly appreciate this unique and delectable concept is to go online to **healthycostmeals.com**, look over the customizable menus, place your order, and then be ready to experience healthy, worry-free gourmet meals at home.



Pork Therapy and More at the Perfect Pig

My family and I had just returned from a vacation (with plenty of driving), jumping into a busy workweek with no transition time. I needed some restoration. Since the word “restaurant” itself means a place to be restored, the answer was easy—go out to eat.

The Perfect Pig has two locations, one in Seagrove and one in Gulf Place. We ate at Gulf Place, near the foot of CR-393 where it spills out onto the Gulf via Ed Walline Park.

The restaurant sits just off the road, a yellow-buff structure with plenty of windows and several shaded outside tables. We ate inside, in the main dining area. There’s a smaller dining space in the bar/lounge, complete with a pianist. Table sizes vary. The walls are whitewashed brick, tables are wooden, with sturdy woven straw chairs. Colors are beige, brown, gold and natural wood, with accent plants. Ceilings are high, and there’s a cheerful, bustling bistro feel.

On one wall is a painted sign bearing the house motto—“Praise the Lard,” a sentiment reiterated on coffee mugs, shirts and elsewhere. The restaurant’s name and slogan might suggest a pork-centric menu. While pork does get a good run, there are plenty of other dining options as well.

The Perfect Pig has separate menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We were there for dinner. The dinner menu offers appetizers, salads, flatbreads, main course items, and desserts. The

bar serves up beer, wine, and a list of classic and modern cocktails.

For a starter, we ordered a plate of house made pork rinds, with a red wine barbecue dipping sauce. Other app choices were warm, almond crusted goat cheese with mixed berry compote and pita chips, rosemary bread with olive and balsamic dipping oil, and pulled pork nacho chips with basil pesto aioli and sprinkled blue cheese. There were three of us (including our daughter, the Tiny Diner), and we almost chose the nachos. Someone at another table got them, and the portion was so large we decided to back off. It’s big enough for a meal.

Our server Amy warmed up TD by asking her about school, which initiated a lengthy and detailed response from my socially un-backward child. Amy and all the house staff who took care of us were friendly and attentive.

The rinds arrived, a mound of crunchy, savory but nevertheless light Pork Chips, just salty enough, with a tangy, scallion-laced dipping sauce. TD professes that she does not like pork, but apparently forgot that, because she helped out.

For the main course, my wife ordered a 10-ounce grilled pork chop with bacon succotash, (more) pork rinds and the red wine barbecue sauce. I chose pork tenderloin medallions served over gruyere grits, with a blackberry pinot noir sauce. TD stepped away from the swine for a grilled cheese.



After we’d demolished the rinds, we sat back to take in the scene. I realized I had finally come to a resting place—busy but focused staffers, guests laughing and conversing, the day coming in for a landing.

The main courses arrived. TD’s sandwich was grownup sized, with a blend of cheeses on crunchy grilled bread, and chips. My wife’s tender, bone-in chop was likewise generous, and bacon is just the thing to make me want to eat succotash. I got four chunky medallions, resting on a wide puddle of gruyere-laced grits. The pork was perfectly cooked, the grits pillowy and cheesy, and the deep red fruit and wine sauce sported a plump blackberry garnish. I got no rinds, but helped my wife out with hers.

Other entree options were bronzed mahi mahi with lump crab over couscous, smoked chicken with grits, crab cakes, potato and parmesan-crusted grouper with risotto, a pasta special (chicken that night), filet mignon with chimichurri and vegetables, New Orleans-style barbecue shrimp, grilled airline chicken breast with heirloom tomatoes and Swiss chard, and salmon marinated in yogurt and baked in a citrus crust.

Salads included deconstructed corn, couscous, garbanzo bean, tomato, onion and cheese, caprese, mozzarella and tomatoes, bacon Caesar, and smoked chicken with mixed greens. Flatbreads came with fig spread, caramelized onions, prosciutto and gruyere, and tomato, mozzarella, parmesan and pesto.

There were four desserts—flourless chocolate cake, cheesecake, bread pudding, and key lime pie. We went for the lightest sounding, the key lime. It’s a classic—dense, thick and tangy, with graham crust and whipped cream. My wife called a halt after a few bites, and TD and I negotiated the rest.

Restoration accomplished.

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The Perfect Pig’s house motto is “Praise the Lard,” and you can receive that blessing with pulled pork, chops, tenderloin, bacon and house made rinds. Or you can enjoy fish, shellfish, chicken and beef options, plus pasta and salads. Friendly, lively bistro atmosphere with a full bar and live music. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, \$8-33.



Giving a High “Five” to Mobile, Alabama

By Joni Williams

Oh, the power of advertising.

After seeing Five’s delicious full page spread running month after month right here in *Beachcomber*, we decided we absolutely had to check out their closest location on Dauphin Street in Mobile, Alabama.

Turns out, this is a most charming area of Mobile, filled with one-way streets, tree-lined avenues and the breezy Southern-style architecture of days gone by. Five is particularly handsome, with its rich-looking wood, window boxed greenery, open-air sidewalk seating and classic brick walls inside and out. Did we mention we have a particular fondness for brick decor? Which wouldn’t mean squat if the service and menu weren’t up to par. And we had nothing to go on but the *Beachcomber* ad.

Open every day but Monday, Five opens at 5 p.m. for dinner. Lunch is served Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and brunch Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. When we got there late on a Friday afternoon, it was literally packed to capacity—always a good sign when trying to size up a place.

Despite the crowd, we were greeted and seated as soon as we stepped

inside, even though we made it clear we were just “here for the beer.” And what a beer list it is. Staying true to its name of “five,” that’s how the menu is offered—five entrees, five starters, five red wines, five whites and so on...there was a choice of five mainstream beers and five local(ish) or “Southern” crafts.

This is where it got interesting, because except for Grayton Beer’s 30A Beach Blonde and Abita’s Amber, the selections, though limited, aren’t the same tried-and-true staples you’ll find on local menus. The Causeway IPA gave us real pause, as we’ve continuously found Fairway Brewing Co. to be a producer of mighty tasty brews.

We opted for **Orpheus’ Atalanta** (not Atlanta, mind you) **Saison** at the suggestion of our server, but only because we couldn’t decide between it and the locally produced IPA by Mobile’s own Haint Blue Brewing. What can we say? We’re not exactly known for our decisiveness even when faced with a mere five choices.

If you’re a fan of sour beers, or are just brewfully adventurous, this is a beer you absolutely must try. It’s a wild child of an ale that isn’t flavor shy. It’s tongue-puckering tart while packed with a full-spectrum richness that somehow tastes clean.



Instead of playing it safe, we paired it with heat—a well-spiced baked avocado mounded with bacon and plump Gulf shrimp. And it blew our collective mind. Who knew an already near-perfect food like avocado could be made so much better?

We weren’t at all hungry and had only ordered the dish to fill out a photo. The original plan was to take enough bites to capture the flavor in a few words but leave most of the dish untouched. Instead, we ended up scarfing it beyond the last bite. Seriously, we were scraping the empty avocado shell with a spoon lest we missed any precious morsels. Even the accompanying bed of crunchy field greens that may have been plated merely as decoration, found its way into our bellies.

Turns out this dish was created by Yoshi, Harbor Docks’ much-revered sushi chef. Her son, Chris Eddings,

has partnered with none other than Charles Morgan III at the Five locations. And they’ll soon take over Five’s neighboring space with yet another new eatery. We didn’t know all this until we hit Mobile.

It’s worth mentioning that over the years we’ve gushed over Morgan’s other restaurants—particularly Harbor Docks and Camille’s—in other publications. The seafood is truly the freshest, and the establishments are clean and well run. It’s pretty dang hard to find anything to nitpick about.

If we hadn’t have liked Five, you’d probably never know about it. You’d be reading about some other place somewhere else. It’s like our momma always told us—“If you don’t have something good to say, don’t say anything at all.” But Five checks all the boxes—superb food, outstanding service, great beer choices, and then some.



Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com!

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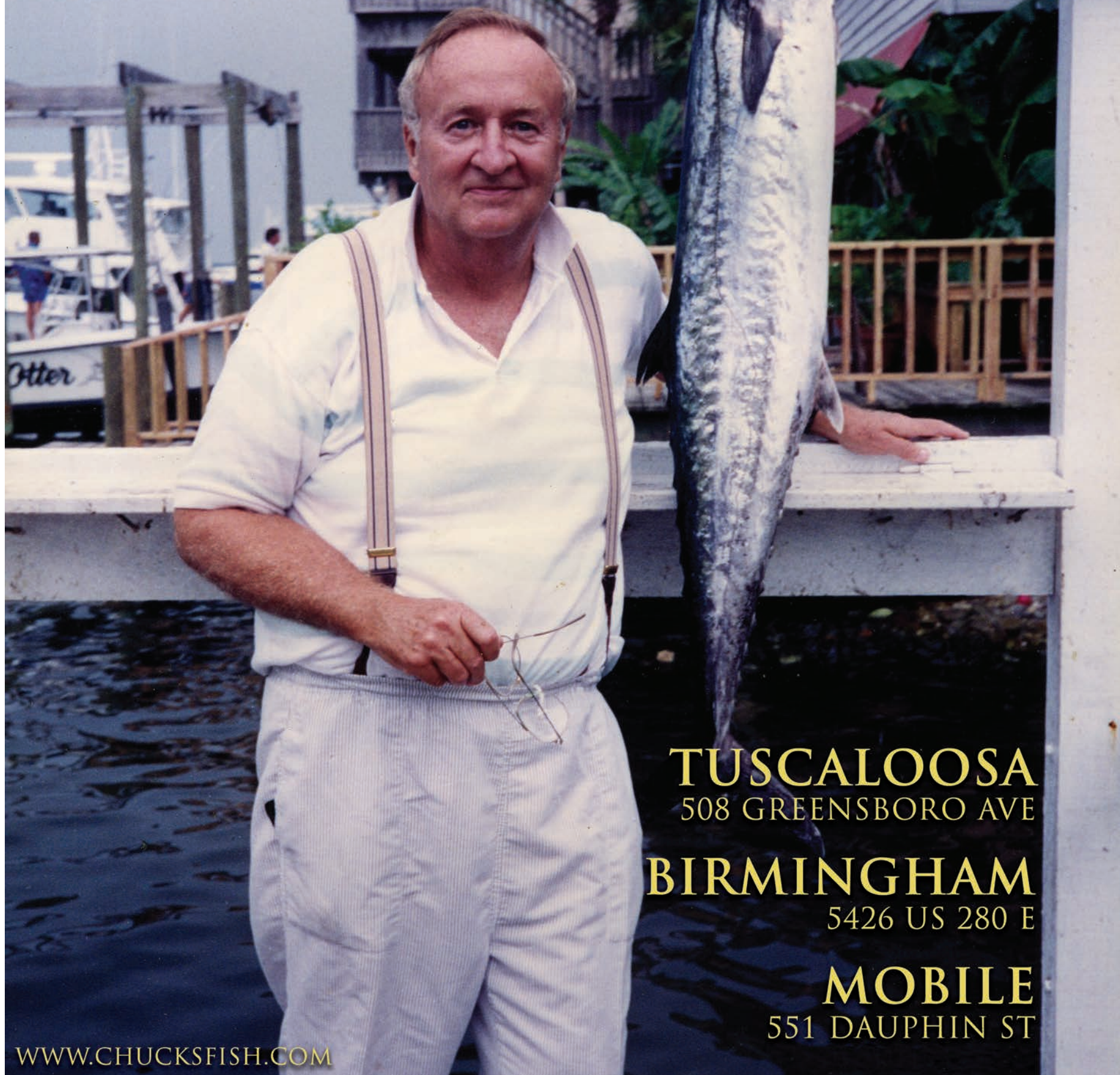
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CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY’S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This “sister” restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you’ll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. www.theredbar.com.

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tastings of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. \$5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

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GERMAN/AMERICAN

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HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE’S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George’s has offered regional coastal fare

infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalsbeach.net.

IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE’S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe’s opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There’s even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.

ITALIAN

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you’re hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, lacocina30a.net.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you’d want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including

Are You Ready for Some Football? MKAF and Saltwater Restaurants Are

The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) and Saltwater Restaurants are teaming up for football season Thursday, **Aug. 24** at 5:30 p.m. at Al’s Beach Club & Burger Bar at the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk.

The Art of Tailgating is part of MKAF’s Dining For A Cause to raise awareness and funding for its community outreach programs serving K-12 students, special needs for adults and children, and a Warrior Arts initiative for the men and women of our military community.

The Art of Tailgating will feature food and beverage tasting from various Saltwater Restaurants competing for Best Tailgating Food. “Our restaurants are ready to throw down their best tailgating dishes and host the ultimate beach tailgate, all for a great cause,” says **Clint Rogers**, director of operations for Saltwater Restaurants. Participating restaurants include Al’s Beach Club & Burger Bar, Black Pearl Island Grill, the Crab Trap, Floyd’s Shrimp House and Rockin’ Tacos.

Attendees are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite sports colors with a chance to enter an exciting sports-themed raffle to win gift baskets

including tickets to collegiate and national football games, golf package, baseball and other sports-related items. Live entertainment will be provided by Beachcomberland favorite **Myke Van Ness**.

Donations of sports memorabilia, game tickets and other items are appreciated. Businesses and individual raffle donors will be recognized for their contributions at the event. Please contact the MKAF office at 850-650-2226.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$40 for MKAF members. Purchase tickets online at www.MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org or call 850-650-2226. All proceeds will benefit the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation’s mission in bringing cultural experiences and community outreach programs to children and families in Northwest Florida.

Since 1995, MKAF outreach has served over 304,000 people in Okaloosa and Walton counties in more than 70 schools, United Way agencies and veteran and military organizations that are thoughtfully curated to serve the unique needs of these special populations.

- Zandra Wolfram

MKAF’s Artsy Celeb Luncheon Set for Aug. 17

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) announces an artistic twist to the 7th Annual Celebrity Server Luncheon to be held on Thursday, **Aug. 17**, at Bonefish Grill in Destin.

Local business leaders are teaming up as art ambassadors by serving luncheon guests dressed in costumes representing the arts and entertainment industry (musicals, film, superheroes, pop stars, etc.).

Celebrity servers will be competing for the Best Team Costume and Top Celebrity Team Server going to the team raising the most funds through ticket sales and tips.

There will be two seatings for lunch at 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a buffet-style Bonefish Grill lunch served by the following local celebrities: **Brian and Jessi Beauchamp** (Beauchamp Commercial), **Lisa Captain and Chris Kellogg** (Coast 93.3 Morning Show), **Caroline Majure and Ron Todd** (Deja Vu Band), **Dion and Mindy**

Moniz (Emerald Coast Title Services/Harrison Sale McCloy and Premier Property Group), **Leslie Sullivan and Kim Moore** (Century 21/Blue Marlin Realty) and **Tracy and Alan Wood** (NextHome Cornerstone Realty & CCB Community Bank).

Tickets are \$20 each. Purchase tickets by calling the MKAF office at 850-650-2226 or directly from a celebrity server. For those unable to attend the luncheon, MKAF is accepting advance tips and donations, which can be pledged by calling the same number.

All event proceeds will benefit MKAF’s community outreach programs to provide cultural experiences through quality music, theater and visual arts programs.

For more information on MKAF membership, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, visit www.MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.
- Zandra Wolfram

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tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO’S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito’s a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

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CRUST PIZZERIA We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. destincrustpizzeria.com.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

LANDSHARK’S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. www.LandsharksPizza.com.

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

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SEAFOOD

THE BACK PORCH Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you’ll find us on the right side. www.theback-porch.com. 850-837-2022.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave’s is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A

time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area’s best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T’S LIGHTHOUSE Located in Harbor-Walk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T’s has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there’s something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. www.localcatch30a.com.

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE’S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you’ll find us on the left side. www.pompano-joes.com. 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers’ dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with exotic

fish. Become mesmerized by the soothing sounds of **Michael Rorah**, our singing pianist, who plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Lobsters available for viewing and choosing at the front of the restaurant. Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, saltwatergrillpcb.com.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters “all ways,” crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beer, wine and live music at Stinky’s Bait Shack from 6 to 9 p.m. 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

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RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 p.m. in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 p.m. For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, saltwatergrillpcb.com.

SEAGAR’S PRIME STEAKS & SEAFOOD The area’s first AAA 4-Diamond restaurant specializing in the finest prime beef and freshest seafood available. Private dining facilities and wine room with more than 800 labels. Features tableside preparations and live piano nightly. Reservations recommended. 622-1500. \$10-50, 4000 Sandestin Blvd., at the Hilton Sandestin. www.SeagarsDestin.com

SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. www.jackacudas.com.

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR 34745 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-4688.

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TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, lacrematapas.com.

WATERFRONT DINING

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JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 p.m. 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. www.margaritavilledestin.com.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S DESTIN is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy's own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 a.m. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu's Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). www.lulubuffett.com/destin.

VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant of 2014" by *The*

Beachcomber, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; happy hour Tue.-Sat., 3-6 p.m.; dinner Tue.-Sat., 4:30-8:30 p.m. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 4:30-6 p.m. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. www.Vueon30a.com.

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

If your bar isn't listed here, you need to email chris@beachcomberdestin.com immediately!

THE BEACH HOUSE
4009 S. Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach
850-608-6300
RelaxDrinkEat.com
When: 4-7 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$4 house wine, \$3 well drinks, \$2 off select apps, and \$1 off all draft beers.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-424-7417
When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.
Drink Specials: \$4 house margaritas, \$3 well drinks and house wine, \$3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

CAMILLE'S CAFE
2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village, Destin
When: 6-8 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.
Drink Specials: Everything half price except Bushwhackers and high end bourbons.

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR
45 Central Square, Seaside
850-231-4545
fortyfivecentral.com
When: 4-6 p.m. daily. Paella nights Wednesdays and Fridays.
Drink Specials: Half off wine by the glass, \$1 off beer.

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL
20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin
850-654-4200
When: All day long.
Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL
1318 Miracle Strip Parkway, Okaloosa Island
When: All day long.
Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

WINE BARS

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR Tucked away in Seaside's bustling Central Square, 45 Central offers a calm and relaxing atmosphere perfect for unwinding after a busy vacation day or a long day at work. Over 45 different wines available by the glass, bottle or case. Exclusive vintages sold by the

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GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

HOG'S BREATH SALOON
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Surviving the School Year

By Samantha Lambert

Whether your child is in elementary, middle, or high school, the next 10 months can be a smooth ride or a rollercoaster of ups and downs. Not only can there be stress for the student, but the parent as well. After teaching middle and high school and tutoring for 35 years, I have found many practices that help the student to be successful as well as helping to alleviate stress for parents.

1. From the first day of school, have a routine for completing homework in the afternoon or evening. For elementary students, right after school is usually the best time while young ones are still energetic. Many parents find that when they have their kids do homework after playing outside and dinner, they are dealing with a child who is pretty tired and cranky.

For middle schoolers who usually get out of school later in the afternoon, practices and lessons may take away from doing homework right away. Right after dinner is a good

time to let them practice some self-discipline and get their homework done.

High schoolers have a schedule all their own. Research shows teenagers' biological clocks are set for them to stay up late and sleep late. Unfortunately, high school usually starts early and ends by 2 in the afternoon. High schoolers then have practices, and many work part-time jobs after school.

It is important for parents to make sure their 9th and 10th graders are doing homework and staying on track. Eleventh and 12th graders need to take responsibility for their homework and classes, but parents can still stay in touch with teachers to make sure their kids are staying on top of things

2. All of us grew up receiving report cards in school. Report cards are distributed at the end of the grading periods and in most school systems, progress reports are also distributed halfway through the period. There is no excuse for a parent to say, "I

did not know report cards came out!" Today's parents also have access to their children's grades online through what many systems call "Parent Portal." If that does not work, call or email your child's guidance counselor or the teacher.

3. School systems have a website, and each school has its own site. Those sites are chock full of information for students and parents. Many teachers have their own web pages and update their homework assignments each day. They also give a heads-up on when tests are coming and when big assignments and projects are due.

4. If you see that your child is struggling by the end of the first grading period, ask for a conference with the teacher or teachers. On the middle and high school levels, conferences are usually held with all of the student's teachers attending, and many times the student as well. Schools provide tutoring for most subjects, or you can hire a private tutor.

5. Make sure your child has all the supplies he or she needs to be successful both at school and at home. Keep a container at home with items such as pencils, paper folders, spiral notebooks, poster board and colored pencils. If you are unable to afford a computer or high-tech calculator for your student, talk to their guidance counselor. Many high schools rent out calculators and loan laptops to students.

6. Make sure your child has some type of planner to write down assignments. Many schools provide those for their students, and they are invaluable.

7. Make sure you and your child know the school rules for electronic devices and cell phones at the start of the school year. There is no reason for a child to be socializing on his or her cell phone during class. They should be used for class work at the teacher's discretion.

If you need to notify your child of something important, let them know at the start of the school year to always check for texts from you at lunchtime or after school. If there is an emergency, contact the school and ask them to call your child down to the office.

I know that sounds "old school," but we Baby Boomers survived that way and it still works.

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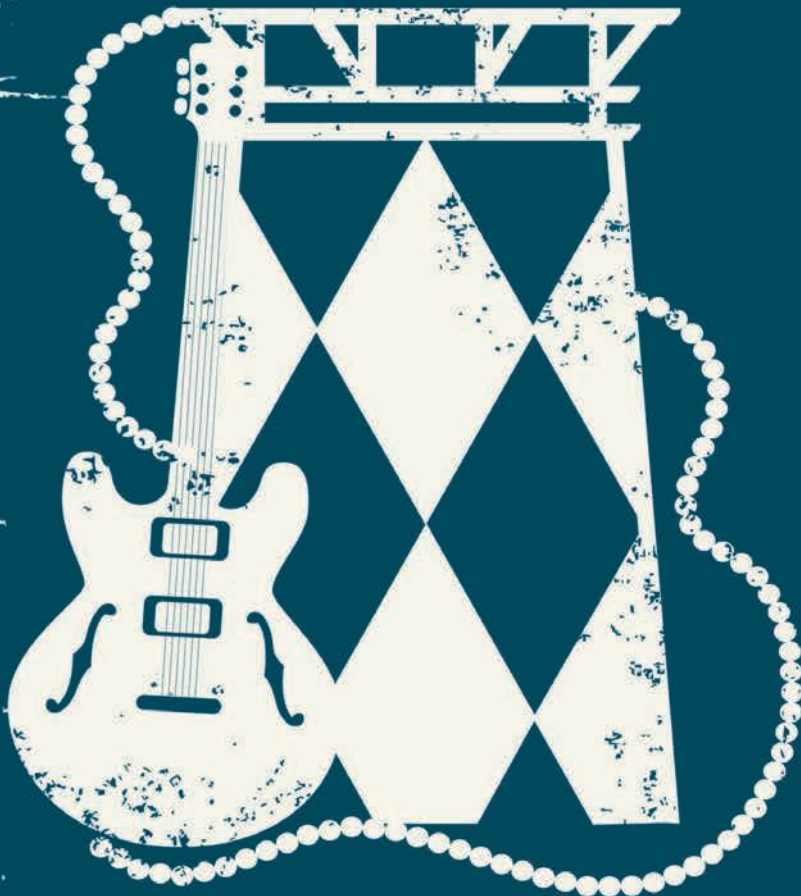
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